PROCEEDINGS OF THE

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA,

HELD IN

ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Rev. G. W. Livers, Pastor),

BENEDICT, NEB., SEPTEMBER 23-27, 1903.

ALSO THE MINUTES OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

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(Rev. M. F. Rinker, Pastor),

SEPTEMBER 29 TO OCTOBER 1, 1903.

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CALENDAR, 1903-1904.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President—Rev. JOHN F. SEIBERT, North Platte, Neb.
Secretary—Rev. S. M. LESHER, Dakota City, Neb.
Statistical Secretary—Rev. H. A. WOLFE, McCool Junction, Neb.
Treasurer—JOSEPH H. MILLER, M.D., Surprise, Neb.

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Advisory Board of Home Missions.

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Rev. M. D. BERG, Rev. R. A. WHITE,
Rev. J. A. LOWE.

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Rev. L. GROH, D. D., *Dogmatics, Hebrew.*
Rev. J. N. LENTZ, *Church History.*
Rev. M. L. KUNKELMAN, *Pastoral Theology.*
Rev. J. W. BALL, *Greek Exegesis.*
Rev. W. DIEFFENBACH, *Homiletics.*

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Rev. J. F. SEIBERT, Rev. S. M. LESHER,
Mr. G. A. CRANNEL, three years, Rev. L. P. LUDDEN, two years,
Mr. JONATHAN REITZ, one year.

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Rev. E. BOLLMAN.

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Rev. J. F. SEIBERT, Rev. L. P. LUDDEN, one year,
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Rev. L. M. KUHNS, two years, Mr. F. W. PETRING, two years,
Mr. W. W. SWAIN, three years, Mr. ROBERT WEIDENSALL, three years,
Rev. M. L. MELICK, three years.

SPEAKERS FOR 1904.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
THURSDAY NIGHT.	
Home Missions.	
Rev. E. BOLLMAN,	Rev. W. T. KAHSE.
Church Extension.	
Rev. M. L. KUNKELMAN,	Rev. C. F. SHULTZ.
FRIDAY NIGHT.	
Foreign Missions.	
Rev. J. A. KOSER,	Rev. L. GROH, D. D.
SATURDAY NIGHT.	
Education.	
Rev. J. W. BALL,	Rev. J. A. CLUTZ, D. D.
Preparatory Service.	
Rev. H. A. WOLFE,	Rev. R. A. WHITE.
Communion.	
Rev. M. L. MELICK,	Rev. J. L. HAMMOND.
Ordination.	
Rev. J. A. LOWE,	Rev. J. N. LENTZ.
Young People.	
Rev. G. W. LIVERS,	Rev. THALE P. SKOVGARD.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time—September 21, 1904.
Place—Ponca, Neb.

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Pursuant to adjournment, the Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in Zion's Lutheran Church of Benedict, Neb., September 23d to 27th, 1903, Rev. G. W. Livers, pastor.

EVENING SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

The opening sermon was delivered, by appointment of the President, by Rev. L. P. Ludden. Text: Phil. iii. 13, 14. Theme: "Singleness of Purpose."

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8.30 A. M.

Devotional services were led by Rev. M. L. Kunkelman. Synod was opened at 9 o'clock with hymn and prayer.

Synodical Roll.

Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegate.
W. F. Eyster, D. D., *a. e.*	1841	Crete, Neb.	
J. Zimmerman	1856	Lincoln, Neb.	
S. L. Aughey, LL. D., *a.*	1858	Spokane, Wash.	
J. F. Kuhlman, *a. e.*	1858	Martinsburg, Neb.	
B. Sickel, *a.*	1862	Marysville, Kan.	
L. Groh, D. D.	1863	Omaha, Neb.	John Harberg.
J. H. Link, *a. e.*	1865	Denver, Col.	
M. L. Kunkelman	1866	Nebraska City, Neb.	
J. L. Hammond	1870	Tekamah, Neb.	G. A. Crannel.
J. A. Clutz, D. D.	1872	Atchinson, Kan.	
J. F. Cressler	1872	Rising City, Neb.	J. H. Miller.
D. Z. Foulk, *a. e.*	1873	York Springs, Pa.	
I. N. Augustine, *a. e.*	1874	Grand Island, Neb.	
J. W. Kimmel, *a. e.*	1875	Lincoln, Neb.	
J. A. Koser	1875	Nebraska City, Neb.	
J. A. Lowe	1876	Beatrice, Neb.	
L. P. Ludden	1878	Lincoln, Neb.	
A. T. Ludwig, *a*	1879	Allentown, Pa.	
W. Dieffenbach	1880	South Auburn, Neb.	Frederick Shriefer.
W. G. Gettle, *a. e.*	1880	Steinauer, Neb.	
M. L. Melick	1880	Omaha, Neb.	
L. M. Kuhns, *a. e.*	1885	Omaha, Neb.	
H. J. Hapeman, *a. e.*	1886	Imperial, Cal.	
M. F. Rinker, *a. e.*	1886	Yutan, Neb.	Daniel Shupe.
R. A. White	1886	Lincoln, Neb.	
E. Bollman	1889	Wolbach, Neb.	Dr. J. Beattie.
S. R. Elson, *a.*	1889	Omaha, Neb.	
J. F. Seibert	1891	North Platte, Neb.	Harry Samuelson.
W. C. Eckhart, *a. e.*	1891	Dakota City, Neb.	
J. N. Lentz, *a. e.*	1892	Atchison, Kan.	
J. S. Leamer	1894	Sidney, Neb.	
S. M. Lesher	1894	Dakota City, Neb.	I. W. Fisher.
C. J. Ringer	1894	Wayne, Neb.	
J. W. Ball	1894	Lincoln, Neb.	A. T. Peters.
H. A. Wolfe	1895	McCool Junction, Neb	W. W. Seng.
M. D. Berg	1896	Ponca, Neb.	S. P. Mikesell.
G. W. Livers	1899	Benedict, Neb.	M. L. Warner.
Charles F. Shultz, *a.*	1902	Stella, Neb.	W. H. Hogrefe.
W. T. Kahse, *l.*	1903	Grand Island, Neb.	
Thale P. Skovgard, *o.*	1903	Pawnee, Neb.	
		York, Neb.	N. P. Lundeen.
		Hardy, Neb.	C. L. Cramer.
		Roca, Neb.	J. J. Stein.

a. Absent. *a. e.* Absent and excused. *l.* Licensed. *o.* Ordained.

The President of Synod not having arrived, a motion was made to effect temporary organization.

Rev. L. P. Ludden was elected President and Rev. S. M. Lesher, Secretary.

On motion, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Secretary of Board of Church Extension, was recognized in his official capacity, and time was set to hear Dr. Yarger in the interests of Church Extension to-day at 3 o'clock.

The Report of the Treasurer, J. H. Miller, M. D., was read.

Treasurer's Report.

To the President and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

BRETHREN: It is my privilege herewith to submit my first annual report as your Treasurer for the year ending September 15th, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Amount from Ex-Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Hogrefe		$259 51
Received for Home Missions—		
Regular	$416 48	
Children's	118 47	
Cleveland Mission	2 00	
Synod Pledges	20 00	
Synodical Mission Fund	91 86	
		648 81
Received for Foreign Missions—		
Regular	$291 91	
Children's	56 49	
Student in India	25 00	
New Station in India	15 00	
Missionary in India	12 00	
		400 00
Received for Church Extension—		
Regular	$301 21	
Children's	74 06	
		375 27
Received for Educational Purposes—		
Board of Education	$205 18	
Ministerial Education	347 35	
Nebraska Synod Professorship	142 32	
Midland College, Oak Hall Fund	25 00	
		719 85

Received for General Synod Treasury	$72 57
Received for Synodical Treasury	152 93
Received for Deaconess Board	79 95
Received for Pastors' Fund	104 89
Received for Orphans' Home	40 99
Received for National Lutheran Home	56 65
Total	$2911 82

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer of Home Missions		$603 96
Paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions		438 25
Paid Treasurer of Church Extension		413 52
Paid Treasurer of Board of Education		244 95
Pain Treasurer of Pastors' Fund		107 29
Paid Treasurer of General Synod		88 99
Paid Treasurer of Deaconess Board		82 35
Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Home		58 65
Paid Treasurer of Orphans' Home		40 99
Paid Treasurer of Midland College		167 77
Paid from Ministerial Education Fund—		
William T. Kahse	$125 00	
Oscar Woods	100 00	
Frederick White	100 00	
Orlando Briggs	85 00	
		410 00
Paid from Synodical Mission Fund—		
William T. Kahse	$10 00	
Rev. J. A. Koser	2 89	
Rev. R. A. White	3 70	
Rev. A. B. Leamer	9 50	
C. E. Sparks	61 55	
		87 64
Paid from Synodical Treasury—		
Rev. J. F. Sponseller, Expenses as Trustee to Midland College	$15 90	
Semi-Weekly Tribune, Printing	11 50	
Thompson Brothers, Secretary's Book	4 75	
Rev. R. A. White, Synodical Expenses	10 00	
Lutheran Publication Society	116 05	
		158 20
Total disbursed		$2902 56

Balance on hand in Synodical Mission Fund	$4 22	
Balance on hand in Ministerial Education Fund	5 04	
		$9 26
Total		$2911 82

We still owe The Lutheran Publication Society $56.02, and the General Synod Treasury $45.12, as our deficit to that Treasury was re-assessed to us.

The 172 stubs agree with the cash account, less the amount received from Ex-Treasurer, and show the total receipts during the Synodical year to be $2,640.16.

The 77 numbered vouchers herewith submitted indicate the amount and to whom the money has been paid.

On examining the tabulated statement herewith submitted we find, out of the 34 congregations apportioned, 2 have equaled their apportionment and 15 have exceeded it. Although one-half of the congregations met or exceeded their apportionment, nevertheless our 34 congregations raised only a trifle over 66 per cent. of their apportionment. It is to be regretted very much that so many of our congregations came so far short of their apportionment.

However, we have much to be thankful for the past year, as the receipts have exceeded those of any year since 1893, when they were $3,311.70. We seem to be gradually overcoming the effects of crop failures and financial unrest of the nineties, and the receipts the coming year should greatly exceed the past. Let us be about our Father's business.

I hereby express my sincere gratitude for the courtesies extended me by the members of this Synod the past year, as Treasurer, and my prayer is that we may ever remain true and faithful to the heritage intrusted to us.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF MONEYS RECEIVED FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 1903, TO SEPTEMBER 24, 1903.

Ericson Congregation	$2 86
Rev. J. G. Groenmiller	2 00
Hastings	15 00
Waverly	17 82
Pawnee City	4 81
Hardy	75 00
Rev. W. G. Gettle	2 00
Rev. W. F. Eyster	5 00
	$124 49
Grand Total	$2764 65

Respectfully submitted, JOSEPH H. MILLER,

Treasurer Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Treasurer's Exhibit for [illegible] Synod

	Home Missions.						Foreign Missions.					Church Extension.		Board of Education.
	Regular.	Children's.	Cleveland Mission.	Synod Pledges.	Synodical Mission Fund.		Regular.	Children's.	Student in India.	New Station in India.	Missionary in India.	Regular.	Children's.	
Auburn	$8 56						$20 00					$13 00		
Beatrice	35 56				$6 35		25 40					25 40		$35 [illegible]
Benedict, Bethel	12 06				9 00		8 60					8 60		5 [illegible]
Benedict, Zion	27 48				4 90		19 60					20 10		11 [illegible]
Davenport		$5 10						$2 20						$ [illegible]
Davenport, St. Paul's	3 77	1 55				95	1 75	2 05						2 45
Dakota City, Emanuel	7 00	12 18			5 10		8 40	1 59	$10 00					5 0
Dakota City, Salem	25 48				4 55		18 90					18 20		10 [illegible]
Dakota City, St. Paul's	6 16				1 10		4 40					4 43		2 [illegible]
Ericson	2 00											1 60		
Grand Island														
Hardy	14 54						15 00					14 00		
Hardy, Jewell	7 19						5 00					6 00		
Hastings		3 00						2 00						
Lincoln, Grace		22 00					15 50					16 00		
McCool Junction											$10 00			6 0
Nebraska City	25 20				4 50		18 00					18 00		10 [illegible]
North Platte	18 25	25 00			12 50		4 20	25 00				5 00	5	18 0
Omaha, Grace	10 00				4 25							5 00		
Omaha, Kountze Memorial		11 77												
Omaha, St. Mark's	22 40				4 00		16 00		15 00			16 00		9 6
Pawnee City	1 00													1 2
Ponca	23 81				4 40		8 66	8 34				17 00		10 2
Rising City	10 00	4 69			2 60		10 95					10 40		8 [illegible]
Roca		5 32			95		7 00							2 2
Sidney	10 10				2 25		6 55					6 55		3 0
South Sioux City	6 08						1 50					5 32		
Stella	26 88				4 80		15 54	3 66				20 00		11 5
Surprise	22 54	2 32			2 60		10 40			15 00		10 40		7 2
Tekamah, Emanuel	10 08				1 80		9 40					7 00		4 3
Tekamah, Grace	2 50						6 25					6 85		2 [illegible]
Wolbach	2 60													
Waverly	11 02	4 34	$2 00				5 60	4 80			2 00	4 66		7 4
Wayne	10 05						2 00					4 95		5 0
West Point	41 60	16 20			12 85		38 95	6 85				29 00		16 1
Wilber		5 00												
Yutan	8 57				2 66		6 06					4 80		6 3
Paxton					6 73									
Cluts, D. D., Rev. J. A	1 00						1 00							2 0
Gettle, Rev. W. G														
Hogrefe, W. H														
Kuhns, Rev. Luther M														
Lesher, Rev. S. M				$5 00										
Matthis, Rev. F. A				10 00										
Offerings of Synod	3 00											3 45		2 4
White, Rev. R. A				5 00										
Totals	$426 48	$128 47	$2 00	$20 00	$91 86		$291 91	$56 49	$25 00	$15 00	$12 00	$301 91	$5	$205 1

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…urch …nsi or	Children's	Education: Board of Education.	Education: Ministerial Education.	Education: Nebraska Synod Professorship.	Education: Midland College, Additions to Hall.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Deaconess Board.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	National Luthern Home.	Total.	Paid Toward External Objects.	Paid on Apportionment.	Excess.	Deficit.
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On motion, the Treasurer's Report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion, the Report of Statistical Secretary was deferred to give the Secretary time to complete his report.

On motion, the President's Report was deferred, and election of officers was held.

Election of Officers.

President—John F. Seibert.

Secretary—S. M. Lesher.

Statistical Secretary—H. A. Wolfe.

Treasurer—J. H. Miller, M. D.

Moved that Rev. L. P. Ludden act as President until the arrival of President Seibert.

On motion, Rev. J. W. Ball was received as a member of the Synod.

The President appointed Revs. M. L. Kunkelman and J. A. Koser to fill the vacancies on the Examining Committee.

The time for business was fixed for from 9 o'clock A. M. to 11.45 A. M. and from 2 P. M. to 4.30 P. M.

Moved that the application of the First Evengelical Lutheran Church of York be referred to a committee. Committee appointed—Revs. J. A. Clutz, D. D., J. S. Leamer, and J. A. Lowe.

Here the President arrived and assumed his duties.

President's Report was read.

President's Report.

Fathers and Brethren:

In the providence of God, we have been permitted to labor another year in the Lord's vineyard. The Lord of hosts has been with us, and He has blessed the work of our hands. All things considered, there has been a fair degree of advancement in our Synod. Three pastoral ties, of twelve, fourteen, and fifteen years respectively, the longest in the history of Synod, were dissolved during the year. This is mentioned simply to note the fact that in these days of restlessness on the part of pastors, and more frequently a periodic desire for a change by congregations, there have been instances of a settled ministry, and to impress the thought, if our Church is to make a solid and substantial growth possible, there must be a lengthening of the terms of pastoral service.

Within a few weeks, death has broken the bonds that cemented two other of our charges and brethren in the pastoral relation. Rev. F. A. Matthis,

after considerable affliction, borne with Christian fortitude, departed this life August 19th, 1903. Revs. G. W. Snyder, a classmate and intimate friend for thirty-six years, and D. P. Heltzel, his spiritual son in the ministry, conducted the funeral services. Rev. R. W. Petrea, our good brother whose presence was a benediction to us younger men in the ministry, died September 13th, 1903. His body rests at Pawnee City, with the people he served so faithfully and well, the brethren, Revs. L. P. Ludden and F. D. Altman, D. D., assisted by Rev. Thale P. Skovgaard, having had charge of the burial services. Synod will make suitable mention of the loss sustained by us and of our sympathy with the loved ones.

According to constitutional requirements, I now submit to you an account of my official acts and of the more important events of the past year:

RESIGNATIONS.

October 5th, 1902, Rev. E. Bollman resigned the work at Wilber, the same to take effect January 1st, 1903.

October 17th, 1902, Rev. R. W. Petrea wrote me he had resigned the mission at Pawnee City, to take effect November 1st, 1902.

January 28th, 1903, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns informed me he had resigned Grace Church, Omaha, to take effect February 1st, to become General Secretary of the Luther League of America.

February 24th, 1903, Rev. E. F. Trefz wrote me he would cease his work April 12th, 1903, as pastor of Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha.

March 1st, 1903, Rev. Berg resigned the Benedict pastorate, to take effect June 1st, 1903, unless a supply could be secured before that date. Subsequently Rev. E. E. Combs was secured to supply during May, and Rev. Berg left Benedict May 1st.

March 20th, 1903, Rev. J. L. Hammond resigned the Tekamah pastorate, to take effect May 20th, 1903.

April 1st, 1903, the resignation of Rev. P. Bieger as pastor of St. Paul's congregation, Hastings, took effect.

April 12th, 1903, Rev. L. P. Ludden closed his pastoral labors at Grace Church, Lincoln, to become Field Secretary, Western District, of the Board of Home Missions.

April 26th, 1903, Rev. I. N. Augustine, relinquished the work at Grand Island, Neb.

June 1st, 1903, Rev. J. F. Cressler closed his work as pastor of the Rising City-Surprise pastorate, from February 1st, 1903, with the consent of all parties concerned and the President of the Synod, Rev. M. L. Kunkelman supplied Surprise with preaching.

August 1st, 1903, Rev. A. B. Leamer resigned the congregation at West Point, to take effect September 1st, 1903.

September 13th, 1903, Rev. J. F. Sponseller's resignation as pastor of the mission at South Sioux City went into effect.

DISMISSALS.

October 1st, 1902, Rev. C. N. Swihart to the Kansas Synod.

October 6th, 1902, Rev. W. W. Hess, having accepted a call to Tipton, Iowa, was dismissed to the Iowa Synod.

October 16th, 1902, Rev. Paul G. Tonsing was dismissed to the Kansas Synod.

April 13th, 1903, Rev. E. F. Trefz was dismissed to "The Susquehanna Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches."

May 28th, 1903, Rev. P. Bieger was given a letter of dismissal to the German Nebraska Synod, having accepted a call to Fontanelle, Neb., belonging to that body.

August 31st, 1903, Rev. A. B. Leamer was dismissed to the Iowa Synod, having accepted a call to Iowa City.

September 17th, 1903, Rev. J. F. Sponseller, having taken charge at Fort Madison, Iowa, was granted a letter to the Iowa Synod.

ACCESSIONS.

December 18th, 1902, Rev. J. A. Lowe from the Kansas Synod.

July 2d, 1903, Rev. G. W. Livers sent me his letter from the Kansas Synod.

July 31st, 1903, Rev. M. L. Melick was received from the Iowa Synod.

September 24th, 1903, Rev. Jesse W. Ball from the Kansas Synod.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

November 1st, 1902, Rev. R. W. Petrea accepted a call to the Hardy pastorate.

December 1st, 1902, Rev. J. A. Lowe began his work at Beatrice, having accepted a call to that congregation.

January 1st, 1903, Rev. E. Bollman entered upon his work in the Ericson-Wolbach field, locating at Wolbach.

May 1st, 1903, Rev. M. L. Melick took charge of Grace Church, Omaha.

May 1st, 1903, Rev. M. D. Berg accepted a call to the congregation at Ponca.

June 1st, 1903, Rev. Thale P. Skovgard, with the permission of the President of the Synod, accepted a call to Pawnee City pastorate.

June 1st, 1903, Rev. M. L. Kunkelman accepted the call to the Rising City-Surprise pastorate.

July 1st, 1903, Rev. George W. Livers became pastor of the Benedict charge.

August 1st, 1903, I incidentally learned that Rev. W. Kronsbein had accepted a call to St. Paul's Church of Hastings, and had entered upon his pastorate on the above date.

September 1st, 1903, Rev. Jesse W. Ball accepted the call to Grace congregation, Lincoln.

INSTALLATIONS.

January 11th, 1903, Rev. J. A. Lowe was installed as pastor of the Church at Beatrice, The address to the pastor was delivered by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., and that to the people by the President of Synod.

August 16th, 1903, Rev. M. L. Melick was installed as pastor of Grace Church, Omaha. The President of Synod gave the charge to the pastor, and Rev. L. P. Ludden delivered the address to the people.

September 22d, 1903, Rev. George W. Livers was duly installed pastor of the Benedict charge. Rev. J. A. Lowe gave the address to the pastor, and Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., the one to the people.

AD INTERIM LICENSE.

During the year requests were made for *ad interim* license by the following:

Thale P. Skovgaard, of the Senior Class in the Western Theological Seminary, who had accepted a call to Pawnee.

Louis W. Nordseick, of the Middle Class in the same seminary, who had been secured to supply Grace Church, Lincoln, for three months, from June 1st.

William T. Kahse, of the Junior Class of the same seminary, who had been appointed to do mission work at Grand Island during the summer vacation. Upon the favorable recommendation of a Constitutional Committee, I granted license to these brethren to extend until this meeting of Synod.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

I rejoice to report the organization of three congregations during the year.

November 2d, 1902, at South Sioux City, Rev. J. F. Sponseller, pastor, a congregation was organized under favorable auspices. Thirty-nine members formed the charter list.

Last year the Committee on Vacancies reported concerning Ericson: "This is a great field, with a considerable Lutheran material. Immediate steps ought to be taken to place someone willing to work on this field." A personal tour of that district convinced us of the truth of the former and the necessity of the latter. The little congregation at Ericson had become greatly discouraged, and the Methodists were ready to purchase the property. The most practicable plan of saving the work seemed to us to be to station a man at Wolbach and try to resuscitate our interests there. Rev. E. Bollman was sent to the field January 1st, 1903. A congregation of twenty-five members was organized about Easter. With a loan of $500.00 from the Board of Church Extension, $2,200.00 have been subscribed toward a church building, the corner-stone of which will be laid October 4th.

As a result of the very efficient labor of Mr. C. E. Sparks, a member of the present Senior Class at Wittenberg Seminary, during the summer months, a congregation was organized at York, Neb., August 9th, 1903, with twenty-nine members. A more complete account of this work, as also of that at

Wolbach, will be given under the Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

CHURCH PROPERTY, IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBTS PAID.

Waverly.—November 29th, 1902, Rev. R. A. White wrote me the church at Waverly had been re-painted at a cost of $35.00. All the labor was donated. The roof was also repaired at a similar cost, the labor being donated, and the woodwork of the interior re-painted.

South Sioux City.—Twelve years ago the church at South Sioux City was built, but for years it had been abandoned. Upon re-opening our work in that town, vigorous efforts were made to put the property in a presentable condition. After months of hard work, during which time the building had been re-plastered, papered and painted, and furnished with modern pews at a cost of $550.00, the church was dedicated, November 9th, 1902, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., assisting the pastor, Rev. J. F. Sponseller. Not only were all the improvements paid for, but the old debt of $200.00 due the Board of Church Extension has just been paid, so that the congregation now has the best property in the town without a cent of indebtedness.

Grand Island.—Sunday, August 30th, was a blessed day for our congregation at Grand Island, Rev. William T. Kahse, pastor in charge. At this time, the church, after extensive improvements, such as a new roof, paint, paper, and carpet, at a cost of over $450.00, was formally re-opened, Revs. L. P. Ludden and J. A. Lowe assisting the pastor in the services. Nearly $400.00 additional are on hand, in cash or good subscriptions, with which to purchase a new furnace and lay a permanent sidewalk. Besides these improvements made and paid for, or for which money is provided, about $200.00 additional have been paid on old debts. Surely pastor and people have reason for encouragement. To God be all the glory!

Pawnee City.—The church at Pawnee was so extensively re-modeled and re-furnished as to justify a special re-opening service, which was held Sunday, September 13th, 1903, the Revs. F. D. Altman, D. D., and L. P. Ludden assisting the happy pastor, Rev. Thale P. Skovgard. The improvements were a new tower entrance, re-papering, re-painting, and re-furnishing. The cost was $1,185.85. There are no debts as a result of the effort thus to make the house of God more attractive.

Davenport.—The crowning labor of our lamented brother, Rev. F. A. Matthis, was the payment of the entire indebtedness of $1,600.00, which had been against the property of our Davenport church for years. July 12th, 1903, the mortgage burning took place to the joy of the pastor and people. A little more than a month later Brother Matthis entered into rest. Brethren, let us work "while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."

The church at Ponca has paid their debt of $400.00 to the Board of Church Extension, and has paid out about $300.00 for repairs on their church property.

During the last year the congregation at McCool paid off the entire indebtedness on their new church, which leaves them free of all indebtedness.

The Sidney congregation painted and otherwise repaired their church at a cost of $150.00.

VACANCIES.

The vacancies at present in our Synod in the order of their occurrence are: Pawnee; Zion; Wilber; Kountze Memorial, Omaha; Tekamah; Davenport; West Point; Hardy; and South Sioux City.

Pawnee, Zion, is being regularly supplied by Rev. Thale P. Skovgard.

Wilber has been vacant the greater part of the year. We visited this field twice, calling upon the members and endeavoring to get them in a position to call a pastor. Thus far we have not succeeded, though steps have been taken that may lead to the location of a spiritual leader at an early date.

Kountze Memorial, Omaha, has been supplied at times since the resignation of Rev. E. F. Trefz. Several fruitless efforts have been made to elect or secure a pastor. The congregation is to be commended for refusing to listen to a proposition to allow its pastor to remain independent of Synodical relation or to be connected with another than this Synod. This church, the strongest in our connection, needs a man of deep piety and thoroughly loyal to our Church and institutions. May the Lord direct them wisely in their choice of a pastor.

Tekamah has called a pastor, viz., Rev. N. A. Whitman, of Roland, Iowa, who has accepted and will be on the field November 1st.

West Point.—Indirectly I learn negotiations are conducted with a view to securing a pastor at an early date.

South Sioux City has just become vacant, but, were it not for fear of inability to provide the necessary support, would doubtless already have called a successor to Rev. Sponseller. Conservatism in all things is to be commended, but sometimes its seems congregations are too conservative when it comes to dealing with pastoral support. We must learn to exercise some faith in God. A letter just received says the congregation has called Rev. J. W. Breitenbach, of Chicago. He will probably assume charge October 1st, 1903.

Davenport and *Hardy* mourn with us the loss of pastors who were truly men of God. Both are good charges, and probably will not long be without the preached word.

MISCELLANEOUS.

December 1st, 1902, I received word that Surprise, by a vote of 15 to 9, had decided to withdraw from Rising City and form a separate pastorate. Inasmuch as Rising City was not favorable to a division of the charge, I kindly advised against such a movement as contrary to Section 2 of Article VI. of our Constitution, as well as on the grounds of lack of ministers, and the fact that, if divided, the ministry would probably have to pay the cost in the matter of decreased support. I counseled mutual forbearance and advised all

to continue as before, recommending, however, in the event of not being able thus to do, that Rising City be allowed to continue the services of the pastor for a reasonable time, Surprise meanwhile to be supplied with preaching, and then to unite in the calling of another man. I rejoice in the considerate spirit manifested by all, that, as elsewhere noted, the plan suggested was followed and the charge preserved intact. So far as I know, everything is satisfactory in that pastorate.

February 3d, 1903, Rev. P. Bieger informed me that, at a congregational meeting held February 1st, a resolution had been passed asking the President of the Synod for a letter of dismissal to unite with the German Nebraska Synod. Rev. Bieger also asked for a personal letter of dismissal to that body, within whose bounds he expected to labor after April 1st. I wrote him I would be pleased to give him a letter at the proper time, but that I had no authority to dismiss our congregations, Synod only having such right. Since then an official communication has come into my hands bearing on the subject, which, together with a letter received since this report was prepared, from Rev. Kronsbein, I submit to you for consideration.

July 7th, 1903, I received a letter and a marked copy of the Minutes of the Rocky Mountain Synod from the President, Rev. J. W. Finkbiner, D. D., with the request to bring the petition of that body before the Synod. With the praiseworthy and evidently needed end in view of strengthening that feeble body, the request is made to have the Nebraska and German Nebraska Synods transfer several congregations. Our Synod is petitioned to dismiss the Sidney pastorate. I am sure all of the brethren sympathize with that Synod in its weakness, and earnestly desire to see it strengthened. It is a fact, too, that Sidney is contiguous to that territory, being but 163 miles trom Denver. But what position the pastor and congregation there would take, I do not know, and whether this Synod desires to strengthen that body by surrendering one of its congregations is for you to determine. I submit the request and copy of the Minutes for your consideration.

Orphans' Home in the West.—For many years the Home for Orphan Children at Loysville, Pa., has been the joy of our Church. At different times, committees have been appointed by our Nebraska Synod to foster this blessed charity by founding such a Home west of the Missouri River. Thus far the efforts have been futile. Now, however, the opportunity has come to serve the Church on this territory by the generous benefaction of Mrs. Mary Shippert, of Nachusa, Ill. Forty-six acres of land in a high state of cultivation, on which there is a good ten-room house, all of which is valued at $5,000.00, have been given to the Synod of Northern Illinois for the founding of an orphanage in connection with the General Synod. That Synod has accepted the offer. The General Synod has endorsed the proposition, and has recommended to the Synods of Illinois and further west the advisability of accepting representation in the Board of Directors when requested to do so. The co-operation of this Synod has been asked by the Synod of Northern

Illinois through the President, Rev. D. P. Heltzel. I recommend that the Synod of Nebraska sanction the efforts to establish this Home for Orphan Children at Nachusa, Ill.; that, in harmony with the recommendation of the General Synod, two members be elected to represent us in the Board of Directors; that the cause be commended to our congregations; and that at the proper time an apportionment be made for this work.

Committee on Traveling Secretary.—Upon the removal of Rev. E. F. Trefz, I appointed Rev. A. B. Leamer to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Traveling Secretary. Brother Leamer, in turn, having left our Synod so shortly before the meeting, I left this vacancy, as well as the office of Secretary, unfilled. With the plan of supervision adopted by our Board of Home Missions, in our judgment, the further continuance of this committee is useless, inasmuch as years will probably elapse before a Traveling Secretary for the Nebraska Synod again be appointed. If, however, the need should become apparent and the condition of our work would justify such effort, another committee could easily be appointed. I, therefore, would recommend that this committee be discharged: provided, however, there being no legal requirements for its continuance, because of the house for the Secretary in Omaha; that the care of the house be entrusted to the Advisory Board of Home Missions, the income from rent, beyond the sum needed to keep it in proper repair and for the payment of taxes, to be expended in mission work on our territory, and that for the purpose of supervision of the property a standing resolution be adopted to the effect that at least one member of the Advisory Board shall be from Omaha.

The Million Dollar Education Fund.—It is not our purpose to make any extended reference here to this important action of our last General Synod, to raise one million dollars for our various colleges and seminaries within the next five years. A letter has been received from the Chairman of the committee intrusted with this important work, which will be referred to a proper committee of this Synod for action. Suffice it to say there is something exhilarating about the very magnitude of this enterprise which the General Synod declared to be not only desirable but feasible. Surely, we, so largely the beneficiary of the whole Church, in the maintenance of our Midland College and Western Seminary, will enthusiastically do all in our power to further the movement.

Salaries Increased.—The following congregations have come under my notice as having increased the salary of their pastors during the year: Ponca; Pawnee; St. Mark's, Omaha; Benedict; Grace, Omaha; Sidney; Lincoln; Wayne; and North Platte. We desire to commend this act and to urge others of our charges to strive to give their spiritual leaders a more adequate support. Some of our brethren are ministering to the people in holy things at the greatest of sacrifice. It is a fact that a number who have given years and money in preparation are receiving less income than the most unskilled day laborer. I am glad there are signs of a revival in this matter.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the members of Synod for their uniform courtesy and considerate treatment of me in my imperfect attempts to supervise the affairs of the Synod the past year. A heavy responsibility was placed upon me. An exceptionally large number of pulpits became vacant during the year. Synod last fall seemed to demand that some advance work be undertaken. We have done our best to serve the best interests of the Synod. Our many mistakes and shortcomings have been errors of the head rather than of the heart. In my work I made four trips, during which time I was absent from my charge as many weeks. In conducting the correspondence, I wrote 435 letters and 60 postal cards. It is but proper to make a minute of the hearty and generous action of my own people in gladly allowing me to be absent from my work whenever occasion required. It is the joy of a minister's life to serve so unselfish a congregation. And now, brethren, we are ready to consider the results of the past and to outline our plans for the coming year. Ours is a blessed privilege. May the Holy Spirit of God guide us in all our deliberations, and in all of counseling and work may we remember that we be brethren.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN F. SEIBERT.

Report was received and referred to committee.

Report of Committee on York Congregation.

Your committee to which was referred the application of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of York, Neb., for admission to this Synod, respectfully reports that they have examined the Constitution of this congregation, submitted with the application, and find it in full accord with the requirements of the Synod. We recommend that it be received.

Respectfully submitted, JACOB A. CLUTZ,
J. S. LEAMER,
J. A. LOWE.

Adjourned at 10.40 to give President time to select committees.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

List of Committees.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

1. *President's Report*—Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., Rev. R. A. White, Mr. Daniel Shupe.

2. *Auditing Committee*—Mr. W. H. Hogrefe, Mr. N. P. Lundeen, Mr. A. T. Peters.

3. *North Platte Conference*—Rev. R. A. White, Mr. J. J. Stein, Mr. Frederick Shriefer.

4. *South Platte Conference*—Rev. C. J. Ringer, Mr. M. L. Warner, Mr. John Harberg.

5. *State of Religion*—Rev. M. D. Berg, Rev. J. F. Cressler, Mr. W. H. Hogrefe.

6. *Obituary Committee*—Rev. Leonard Groh, D. D., Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, Rev. J. A. Lowe.

7. *Excuses*—Rev. E. Bollman, Rev. G. W. Livers, Mr. W. W. Seng.

8. *Leave of Absence*—Rev. M. L. Melick, Rev. J. Zimmerman.

9. *Resolutions*—Rev. J. W. Ball, Rev. W. Dieffenbach, Mr. G. A. Crannel.

10. *Apportionment*—Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Mr. J. H. Miller, Mr. W. W. Seng.

11. *Vacancies*—Rev. L. P. Ludden, Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., Mr. C. L. Cramer.

12. *Calendar*—Rev. J. S. Leamer, Rev. C. J. Ringer, J. Beattie, M. D.

13. *Committee on Letters and Papers*—Rev. J. A. Koser, Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, Rev. L. P. Ludden.

14. *Minutes for Next Year*—Rev. W. Dieffenbach, Rev. C. F. Shultz, Mr. J. J. Stein.

15. *Sunday Services*—Rev. G. W. Livers, Rev. J. F. Seibert, Rev. S. M. Lesher.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education submit the following:

Aid has been given to four young men during the Synodical year, who have been preparing themselves for the ministry at our institutions at Atchison, Kan. W. T. Kahse, of the Theological Department, received $125.00; Oscar Woods, of the Senior Class at College, $100.00; Frederick White, of the Senior Preparatory Class, $100.00. These were amounts in full as appropriated by Synod. Orlando Briggs, of the Freshmen Class, for whom the Synod had voted $100.00, drew but $85.00 of this amount, as he felt this was

all he was required to use of the Synod's money. This act of our young brother deserves the commendation of this body.

These young men, as we learn, have pursued their studies with diligence and have made commendable progress, and have been advanced to the next higher classes.

Orlando Briggs writes your committee as follows: "I think I shall be able to do without the aid of Synod this year." Then adds: "Could arrangements be made so that I can get aid in case it should be necessary?"

Your committee would recommend that this brother be allowed as much of $100.00 as may be necessary to supply his needs. We would recommend an appropriation of $125.00 in favor of Frederick White, if that amount is called for. We recommend also that Oscar Woods be allowed $125.00 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
J. F. CRESSLER,
J. S. LEAMER,
C. J. RINGER,
JOSEPH H. MILLER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Meeting.

Your Committee on Minutes of Last Year would report that on page 22 the Executive Council was instructed to collate all amendments and present them with the Constitution, with recommendations for any further needed changes, for the approval of Synod. Your committee would inquire whether this has been attended to?

Also, on page 25, we find a resolution instructing the President to write such brethren as have for some years ignored Synod in failing to present apologies or excuses for their continued absence; that, should they not comply with the regulations of Synod the coming year, their names would be dropped from the Synodical Roll, and such action will be published in our Church papers. Has the President complied with this resolution?

Respectfully submitted, C. J. RINGER.

On motion, Rev. J. G. Griffith was invited to a seat among us as in an advisory relation.

It being a special order, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., was heard in the interests of Church Extension.

Resolution with Regard to Church Extension.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the presentation of the work of the Board of Church Extension by its Field Secretary, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., and that we commend this work most heartily to the continued generosity of our congregations and people.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the return of loans made by the Board by the congregations at Ponca, Davenport, and South Sioux City, and that we congratulate them upon their evident prosperity, and commend their example to other congregations which are indebted to the Board.

Resolution with Reference to York Congregation.

Resolved, That this Synod instruct the Advisory Board of Home Missions to renew its application to the Board of Home Missions for an appropriation of $400.00 for the York Mission, and that we heartily recommend this mission to the Board for that amount.

On motion, C. L. Cramer was received as Lay Delegate from the Hardy congregation.

The Committee on Apportionment recommended the following levy:

General Synod	$0 05	Church Extension	$0 20
Synodical Treasury	09	Pastors' Fund	07
Ministerial Education	20	Deaconess' Board	07
Board of Education	12	Home for the Aged	05
Home Missions	28	Synodical Mission Fund	05
Foreign Missions	20		

Adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

An address on Home Missions was delivered by Rev. L. Groh, D. D.

Offering, $5.80.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Half-hour devotional service.

Synod opened with prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

It was moved that the newly organized congregations at Wolbach and at South Sioux City be requested to submit a copy of

their Constitutions to the President of Synod, and that, if they are found to be in accordance with the requirements of Synod, the President be authorized to receive these congregations and have them regularly enrolled. Also, that the Secretary of Synod be instructed to see that this action be made known to the organization at South Sioux City, now vacant, and that a copy of their Constitution be forwarded promptly to the President of Synod.

Reporters appointed:

Lutheran Observer—Rev. J. S. Leamer.
Lutheran Evangelist—Rev. L. Groh, D. D.
Lutheran World—Rev. J. W. Ball.

Report of Committee on North Platte Conference.

The Committee on North Platte Conference beg leave to report as follows: The records of the conference are not here, but we have been informed by the officers that at North Platte, during the session of Synod, there was a meeting held and arrangements made to hold a spring session at Grand Island; but, owing to the peculiar conditions of our work in this place, it was not found practicable to hold such session.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE,
J. J. STEIN.

Report of Special Synodical Representative on Board of Foreign Missions.

Your Synodical Representative on this Board would report that all matters entrusted to him have been attended to. Owing to my official position in connection with the Board of Home Missions, I respectfully request Synod to relieve me of this work.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

Report of Representatives to the National Federation of Churches.

Your representatives report that we attended the great meeting held in the city of Lincoln during this year. Regularly elected delegates were present from all the leading denominations. The meetings were largely attended. An interesting programme was presented. No action was taken that requires any action of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
R. A. WHITE,
E. BOLLMAN.

Report of Committee on South Platte Conference.

Your committee reports that South Platte Conference held two meetings during the year. One short session was held at North Platte, Neb., September 25th,

1902, and a regular convention at Yutan, Neb., May 5th to 7th, 1903, which was a profitable, interesting session. We find the following resolution on page 51 of the Minutes that needs the attention of Synod:

Resolved, That we respectfully request Synod to petition the committee having charge of the Penny-a-day Fund to make a re-adjustment of said fund, so as to secure one share each for Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary, instead of one-half share for each, as now ordered.

Respectfully submitted, C. J. RINGER.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution (Article XIV., Section 5).

Speakers for the next annual meeting of Synod on three or more of the objects for which the apportionment, as made by Synod, to be taken up in order as they appear on the parochial report blank, or such other objects as in the judgment of Synod may be of sufficient importance. Both principals and alternates shall be appointed.

Bills Allowed.

Bills of expenses of Statistical Secretary of $1.75, and of President, $38.30, and of Treasurer, $8.85, were allowed, and officers instructed to draw orders for the amount.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence reports as follows: Your committee prepared and distributed to the several pastorates a Synodical beneficence envelope at an expense of $14.49. It is gratifying to note that our people are growing in the grace of giving, and that the pastors are rising to meet the necessity of systematic effort in our benevolent operations. The Treasurer's Report shows an increase of several hundred dollars over that of last year, and this increase would have been still larger but for the failure of several congregations to make any real effort to meet their apportionment. The committee recommends a continuance of zealous systematic effort, and that all our congregations make every possible effort to meet the full amount of their apportionment, and that a supply of envelopes be provided as heretofore; that the amount of apportionment be left blank on one-half or more of such envelopes.

Respectfully submitted, S. M. LESHER,
J. L. HAMMOND,
E. BOLLMAN.

Report adopted.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your committee respectfully report that we have examined the Brethren Thale P. Skovgard and William T. Kahse, according to the regulations of Synod. The former is an applicant for ordination, the latter for licensure.

Your committee was well impressed. We recommend that the applications be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
W. DIEFFENBACH,
M. L. KUNKELMAN,
J. A. KOSER.

Report adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

Reading and adoption of minutes.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee to whom the President's Report was submitted would respectfully report that they have carefully examined the document, and find it a very full, clear, and satisfactory exhibit of the year's work in the Synod and of the President's official acts in connection therewith. We desire cordially to commend the President's activity in his oversight of the work, and especially in caring for the vacant pastorates and endeavoring to have them supplied with preaching and with permanent pastors, and also in opening new work in promising fields.

The matters in the report requiring action and not already referred to other committes are the following:

1. The request of the German congregation at Hastings to be dismissed to the German Synod of Nebraska. As this is the only German congregation remaining in connection with this Synod, and has now a pastor who is a member of the German Synod of Nebraska, your committee would recommend that their request be granted as soon as a copy of the action of the congregation, signed by the proper officers, shall be placed in the hands of the President of this Synod.

2. The request from the Rocky Mountain Synod that the congregation at Sydney be transferred to that body. St. Paul teaches us that the strong should bear the infirmities of the weak, and Christ has laid upon us all the law of love and the duty of helpfulness. While this Synod is not so strong as not to feel the loss of even a single congregation, and certainly has no wish to dismiss any pastor or congregation against their own wishes, your committee feel that we owe a duty of love and fraternal encouragement to a weaker sister Synod, and we would recommend, therefore, that this request be referred to the pastor

and congregation at Sydney, and that, if they shall so request, the President be authorized to dismiss them to the Rocky Mountain Synod.

3. *Orphans' Home in the West.* In view of the facts presented in the President's Report, your committee recommend that action upon this item be deferred until the next meeting of the Synod, and that the President of Synod be requested meanwhile to procure a copy of the Constitution of the Home and such other documents and information as may be necessary, in order that the Synod may act more intelligently.

4. *The Committee on Traveling Secretary.* In connection with the President's Report on this subject, there has been placed in the hands of your committee a lengthy communication from Mr. Robert Weidensall, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Traveling Secretary. As it appears from this communication that the deed to the lot on which the Traveling Secretary's house stands contains provisions strictly limiting the uses to which the property, or the proceeds from its use or sale, can be applied, and also a reversionary clause providing for the disposition of the property in case it shall no longer be needed as a home for a Traveling Secretary, your committee would recommend that the Committee on Traveling Secretary be continued at least for another year, and that the Executive Committee of the Synod be requested to examine carefully into the legal status of this property, and to report to this Synod at its next session whether or not in their judgment the time has come when this property should be transferred to the Board of Church Extension, in accordance with the reversionary clause in the deed referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB A. CLUTZ,
R. A. WHITE,
DANIEL SHUPE.

Report adopted and official acts of President approved.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers report that the only document which came into our hands is a letter from Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D. D., of Gettysburg, Pa., Chairman of the Committee of Million Dollar Education Fund, appointed by the General Synod. The brother requests that this matter be brought before this body, and that our Synod co-operate in this worthy undertaking. Your committee recommends that we endorse the movement, and that we pledge ourselves to assist to the extent of our ability in carrying this effort forward.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
M. L. KUNKELMAN.

Report adopted.

Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., was heard in behalf of the Board of Education and in the interests of Midland College and Western Theological Seminary.

Resolutions on Our Educational Work.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the presentation of our educational work in Midland College and the Western Seminary under the fostering care and supervision of the Board of Education, as made by Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D.; and that we most heartily commend the work of this Board and of these institutions to the increased generosity and patronage of all our churches and people, and do hereby pledge our hearty co-operation and support of the same.

Resolved, further, That in view of the very generous action of the General Synod in coming to the relief of Midland College in her financial need in making the splendid appropriation of $6,500.00, and the general importance and increased necessity of the work of a solicitor, on account of the million dollar proposition, it is the sense of this Synod that the office of solicitor should be continued, and that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Midland College would be justified in again putting a man in the field, and herewith request them to do so if practicable.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of vacant congregations report as follows:

South Sioux City, *Tekamah*, and *West Point* are reported vacant. Your committee are informed that they have called pastors, and on or before November 1st will be removed from this list.

Davenport and *Hardy*.—These charges became vacant through the death of their pastors. We especially urge them to co-operate with the President of Synod in securing pastors.

Omaha, *Kountze Memorial*.—This congregation has been without a pastor since April 1st, 1903. Several attempts have been made to secure a pastor, but so far without success. We recommend that the President of Synod use every means in his power to assist them in securing a pastor.

Steinauer.—We have at this place a neat frame church free from all debt. The only General Synod Lutheran people are the family of Rev. William G. Gettle. The community surrounding the town is largely German Lutheran. Ours is the only Protestant church in the town. We recommend that Rev. Thale P. Skovgaard be appointed a special committee of one to make a careful canvass of the village and community, and report to the President; and if the report reveals the fact that it will be useless to again attempt service at this point, that the property be sold and the donation made by the Board of Church

Extension be refunded to them, and the balance, if any, be paid to the Treasurer of our Synod, to be credited on the Synodical Home Mission Fund.

Wilber.—This charge has been without a pastor for some months. We recommend that Rev. J. A. Lowe be appointed a special committee to cooperate with the President in securing a pastor for this charge.

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
JACOB A. CLUTZ,
J. F. CRESSLER.

Report adopted.

Report of Delegate to German Nebraska Synod.

Your delegate elected to bear greetings of the Synod of Nebraska to German Synod of Nebraska respectfully reports that, while he could not attend the meeting of that reverend body, held at Hanover, Kan., he has learned that a very full and profitable meeting was had. Great activity was shown and a fraternal spirit manifested. God speed the good work.

Respectfully submitted, L. GROH.

Report adopted.

It was moved, in reference to the Yutan case, that we say in response to the action of the General Synod, and to the communication from the Committee of the German Synod of Nebraska, that this Synod feel that they have done everything in their power toward the settlement of this, and we are not disposed to take any further action at the present time.

Supplementary Report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. (See Report, page 7.)

A special committee, consisting of Revs. Luther P. Ludden and J. A. Koser, was appointed by the President to examine the files of the Secretary that were present.

Adjourned, with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

8 O'CLOCK.

An address on Foreign Missions was delivered by Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, and on Church Extension by Rev. C. J. Ringer.

Offering, $7.90.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional services were held.

Synod opened with prayer.

Minutes were read and approved.

The President appointed a Temperance Committee, consisting of Revs. M. L. Melick, J. L. Hammond, and M. D. Berg.

Report of Committee on Secretary's Files.

Your Committee to Examine Papers in the Secretary's Files report that we have completed the task assigned us, and make the following recommendations: First, that the envelopes, with their contents, be placed in the archives of Synod. Second, that the Rev. M. L. Melick, Rev. L. Groh, D. D., and Mr. Paul Kuhns be appointed a special committee to make a careful examination of the box containing our papers in bank vault at Omaha, to ascertain if the students' notes are therein; and, if they find said notes, they are hereby authorized and instructed to remove the same from said box and vault, and are instructed to mail the same to our Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
J. A. KOSER.

Report adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We your Auditing Committee have examined the Treasurer's books and compared the stubs and vouchers and find the same to be correct.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. HOGREFE,
J. W. BALL.

Report adopted, and the Treasurer's Report approved.

Report of Committee on State of Religion.

Your Committee on State of Religion have examined the reports from the different congregations and find that, with but few exceptions, weekly prayer-meetings are held, but in nearly every case they are poorly attended. As a rule, those who do attend are very earnest workers and enjoy this service. The fact that they are so greatly helped should suggest to those who fail to attend that they are missing one of the best of the church services. We believe that if those who do attend would do more personal work and urge their friends to come, it would in a measure solve this problem. The reports show that the Lord's Supper is regularly observed, and in most churches faithfully attended. The sacrament of baptism of infants is faithfully attended to in most pastorates. We are glad to note an increased activity and interest resulting in a larger

attendance in our Sunday schools, as well as the promise of many large catechetical classes. By the faithful teaching of the children in these ways we may look for a steady growth in our churches, both numerically and spiritually. In comparing the reports on missionary activity and beneficence, we find that in almost every instance where the missionary activity is good the beneficence is also reported good. Believing that the secret of this is largely due to the fact that the missionary societies help to familiarize the people with the work which the Boards are doing, we believe that, wherever possible, pastors should organize missionary societies and observe all the Board days, as well as occasionally present from their pulpits the work and needs of our different objects of beneficence, and where there are missionary societies have them give public programmes, and if there is no missionary society have the Christian Endeavor or Sunday school give such programmes occasionally at the Sunday evening service.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BERG,
W. H. HOGREFE,
J. F. CRESSLER.

Report adopted by standing vote, and with prayer.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That we have noticed with pleasure and commendation the action of the recent General Synod upon the Report of the Committee on Practical Co-operation, instructing and requesting its Boards, College and Seminary Faculties, and Publication Societies to hold periodical meetings with similar Boards, Faculties, and Publication Societies of other general bodies with the view of mutual benefit and the growing unity of the Church.

2. *Resolved*, That the vital relations which the Sunday schools sustain to the Church and the religious training of the young require the earnest consideration of all means for the increased efficiency of these schools of the Church; therefore,

Resolved, That we approve the action of the General Synod at its recent convention (1) in instructing the Publication Society and Sunday School Committee to prepare, if possible, in conjunction with other Lutheran bodies, a scheme of graded lessons for the lower departments of our schools; (2) in taking further steps for the publication of a weekly Sunday school paper; and (3) in authorizing the publication of a Sunday School Hymnal in accordance with the Order of Service, spirit, and life of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

3. *Resolved*, That we heartily commend the action of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod in dividing the Home Mission field into three districts as requested by this Synod, and in appointing to the Western District a member of this Synod, the Rev. Luther P. Ludden, as its representative.

4. *Resolved*, That we gratefully acknowledge the generous hospitality of

the pastor and people of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Benedict, during our stay among them, which has been most pleasant, and that the President of the Synod be authorized to present this resolution, or the substance of it, at the closing services of this Synod.

5. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to have 600 copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod printed for the use of Synod.

6. *Resolved*, That the privilege of printing their Minutes with the Minutes of Synod be granted to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska, if it be desired.

7. *Resolved*, That, owing to the scarcity of candidates for the ministry, the pastors of Synod be and are hereby instructed to preach at some time during the Synodical year upon the subject of the Gospel ministry, with the view of inducing capable young men to enter into that important office.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BALL,
W. DIEFFENBACH.

On motion, election of Trustee of Midland College was held. Rev. S. M. Lesher was elected.

The President appointed as Special Representative on Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. J. A. Koser.

Resolution Asking for a Bound Edition of The Augsburg Teacher.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the splendid work of Rev. Charles S. Albert, D. D., in the editing of the Augsburg Lesson Series, and that we request the Board of Publication to issue *The Augsburg Teacher* annually in a bound volume for the better preservation of the same.

Resolution adopted.

Report of Delegates to the General Synod.

Permit us, your Delegates to the General Synod, to submit the following report: We were indeed gratified at being permitted to attend this Biennial Convention of our General Synod, so full of harmony and encouragement! so replete with brotherly affection and consideration! so graced with Christian zeal!

The Reports of the various Boards showed advancement along all lines, and that the interest of the Church has been well cared for.

We will herewith present a few items of interest:

1. The Board of Foreign Missions made a very encouraging and satisfactory report, showing that during the last biennium the Board received $122,556.94, which was an increase over the previous biennium. Also that the work in India is in a flourishing condition, has a total membership of 26,362, and the increase during the biennium was over 28 per cent. Total contribution from

the India Mission, $24,274.48. The work in Africa has been continued with some encouragement.

2. The Board of Home Missions. We rejoice that this Board was privileged to make the best report in its history. The total sum received during the biennium was $111,207.31, an increase of $5,825.85 over the previous report. Of this amount the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society paid $12,735.34. The total number of missions enrolled 195, of which 20 have become self-sustaining.

3. The Board of Church Extension gave the best and most satisfactory report in its history. Total assets, $456,145.67; an increase of $89,467.88. Total contribution for the biennium $132,485.93. Number of churches aided by donations, 131; and by loans, 52; total, 183.

4. The Board of Education received on apportionment $26,495.53, being 50 per cent. of the amount asked. In addition to this, there was received on endowment for the Western Theological Seminary, $7,310.94, and for scholarship in the same institution, $3,000.00. In this connection your committee would beg to mention and commend the beneficent spirit of Mr. Henry Denhart, of Washington, Ill., and friend of Carthage College, who has again, in addition to many liberal gifts, given a large sum for the above-named institute, and we pray that God may raise up such a friend and supporter for our own Midland College.

We would also call the attention of Synod to the liberal response of the General Synod of $6,500.00 to the earnest plea of F. D. Altman, D. D., in behalf of our own Midland College, and hereby express our full appreciation of this action.

5. The Lutheran Publication Society gave a very gratifying report, showing that the society has total assets above all liabilities of $167,919.74. The society authorized its Board to unite with other Lutheran publishing houses in issuing graded Sunday School Lessons for the lower departments; this is not to interfere with the system of lessons now in use for the more advanced departments. Also a weekly Sunday school paper be issued. In order to give it a larger constituency, the Board was authorized to unite with other Lutheran publishing houses.

6. Practical Co-operation. Your committee rejoices to report of the actions taken toward a practical co-operation with other Lutheran bodies in the advancement of the Lutheran interest in this country, and trust it may eventually lead to a union of the various bodies of the Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. LESHER,
C. J. RINGER,
J. F. CRESSLER,
W. H. HOGREFE,
JONAS BENDER,
A. B. LEAMER,
J. N. LENTZ.

Report of Calendar Committee.

Report approved. (See Calendar on page 2.)

Report of Committee on Sunday Services.

Communion—10 A. M. Rev. J. F. Cressler.

Sunday School—Revs. M. L. Melick and J. S. Leamer.

Memorial Services—2.30 P. M. Revs. L. P. Ludden and L. Groh, D. D.

Y. P. S. C. E.—Revs. C. J. Ringer and S. M. Lesher.

Ordination Services—Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D.

Bethel, Communion—10 A. M. Revs. L. Groh, D. D., and C. J. Ringer.

Methodist Episcopal Church—Morning. Rev. J. A. Koser. Evening. Rev. J. W. Ball.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Traveling Secretary.

Your Committee on Traveling Secretary beg leave to make the following brief statement of their work for the past twelve months. On account of lack of funds and also an apparent reluctance on the part of the Church to render the necessary support, we have deemed it unwise to take up active work, but have confined our efforts toward taking care of the property in order to keep it in a fair condition and be productive, as you will see from our Treasurer's Report showing a fair balance of money on hand. This balance, however, we feel that we should carefully guard for future use, as repairs and improvements on the property will soon be necessary.

We have received a communication from a member, our Brother Robert Weidensall, touching on a subject that undoubtedly is of interest to the Synod, and, as the communication gives some information, we, therefore, submit it and trust you will kindly give it your consideration. Praying for God's blessing, we respectfully remain,

J. F. WILHELMY,
W. W. SWAIN.

Report adopted.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Traveling Secretary.

OMAHA, NEB., SEPTEMBER 1, 1903.

To the Officers and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

GENTLEMEN: The Treasurer of the Committee of the Traveling Secretary would beg leave to offer the following report for the year ending September 1st, 1903:

September 1st, 1902, balance on hand	$265 73	
Received for rent of house	135 00	
		$400 73

CONTRA.

Paid to church at Sioux City (Rev. J. F. Sponseller)	$75 00	
Paid to church at Wolbach (Rev. E. Bollman)	50 00	
Paid city taxes	38 99	
Paid county taxes (two years)	28 75	
Paid for repairing door-bell	1 00	
Paid for repairing furnace	3 20	
Paid for plumbing (two bills, $7.60 and $16.50)	24 10	
Paid for repairing broken glass in windows	2 31	
		223 35
Balance on hand		$177 38

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. SWAIN,
Treasurer.

Report adopted.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Your Advisory Board of Home Missions would submit the following report of the progress and condition of our missions:

Beatrice.—Rev. J. A. Lowe became pastor during the year. Fifty dollars less is received from the Board of Home Missions than last year. We have here a good congregation, and especially an excellent lot of young people. The mission has had a hard struggle, but a brighter day has come, and in a short time this work should be self-supporting and be numbered as one of our strongest congregations. We have reason to know Brother Lowe is greatly esteemed by his people.

Ericson.—We found this mission greatly discouraged and about ready to sell the property to the Methodists. A survey of the field demonstrated that a missionary should be placed at Wolbach, an excellent growing town, thirty-two miles from Ericson. Your committte could not secure a man for the field without assuming some responsibility. Rev. E. Bollman was secured on the promise of aid from Synod to the amount of $100.00 for the first year. Fifty dollars of this amount has been received from the Traveling Secretary Committee and paid Brother Bollman. The Board of Home Missions appropriates $200.00. Already a congregation has been organized at Wolbach of twenty-five members, and, including a loan of $500.00 from the Board of Church Extension, $2,400.00 raised for a church building. The Board lists this as the Wolbach Mission.

Lincoln.—This mission had a change of pastors during the year, Rev. L. P. Ludden, who for many years did efficient work, materially and spiritually, having resigned to accept a call to the larger work of the Church. Rev. Louis P.

Nordsick supplied the pulpit for three months. September 1st Rev. Jesse W. Ball assumed charge. We predict a strong, self-supporting congregation in a few years. The outlook is very encouraging. Though no reduction has been made in the appropriation from the Board, the congregation has largely increased its obligation to the pastor's support.

Omaha, Grace.—This mission, too, had a change of pastors, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, the founder and pastor for fifteen years, having resigned, Rev. M. L. Melick was called to the vacancy. The Board, to provide a living support, increased the appropriation to $500.00. The congregations are good. A robed choir in the congregation and an orchestra in the Sunday school are features of this work. There are some faithful and efficient workers. We expect to hear good things from Grace Church.

Pawnee City.—Splendid progress has been made here, especially in the renovation of the church property. Though we are not aware that this congregation has formally become self-sustaining, no aid is now being received from the Board. We congratulate the pastor and people on this advance step. Henceforth, doubtless, Pawnee will not appear in this report. Rev. T. P. Skovgard is the pastor.

Sidney.—Rev. J. S. Leamer continues as the efficient pastor here. Both church and parsonage have been improved until ours is the best property in the town. The congregation is regaining its old-time standing, the people being convinced that the church is to be kept open. Attendance at public worship is growing; especially are the members becoming more regular. From present indications a congregation will soon be organized under favorable conditions at Brownson, where services are regularly held. The work at Potter remains stationary. The appropriation has been reduced by vote of the congregation.

South Sioux City.—This mission is now vacant, Rev. J. F. Sponseller having resigned. We are glad to learn a call has been extended to Rev. J. W. Breitenbach. He has accepted, and will probably take charge October 1st, 1903.

Wayne.—There is nothing extraordinary to notice from Wayne, so reports the faithful pastor, Brother Ringer. But no complaints have come to us by pastor or people. The work here is in safe hands and progress is being made. Payments on parsonage are made regularly and the membership increased, all of which is gratifying. A reduction of $25.00 has been made in the appropriation by the Board of Home Missions by a vote of the congregation.

Wilber.—As reported by the President, this mission has been vacant since January 1st, 1903. The Sunday school has been regularly maintained. The income from the parsonage has gradually decreased the debt. A pastor is needed. With a reasonable support assured and the congregation willing, we have a man ready to take up the work.

Grand Island.—Though this congregation has not been aided for some years, the Board of Home Missions stands ready to co-operate in placing our work upon a firm footing. Several visits by the Chairman of this committee

convinced us of the necessity of Synod simply placing a man on the field if our interests were to be saved. Rev. I. N. Augustine labored faithfully for a year, during which time his son re-opened the Sunday school. Student W. T. Kahse was secured as a man adapted to the field. The result has been all that the most ardent could expect. The work has been entirely revived. As elsewhere noted, the property has been thoroughly repaired. Veritably, as reported in our Church papers, a resurrection seems to have taken place. Nearly $1,000.00 have been raised by the congregation. Ten members were received at the fall Communion. A large catechetical class will be confirmed at the Reformation Festival. The Sunday school has reached 150 in attendance. The people desire Brother Kahse to continue as their pastor. The judgment of the President of Synod and Field Secretary Ludden is that he should remain. Brother Kahse will do so, with the consent of Synod. If he does so, we believe the solution has been found to the Grand Island problem.

NEW WORK.

Your Board, at a meeting held at North Platte, decided to undertake the inauguration of some new work during the year. York being suggested as a city in which there was a good opening, a committee, consisting of Revs. Leamer, Lentz, Wolfe, and Berg, was appointed to make a preliminary canvass. Their recommendation was that work should be commenced. A number of services were held, and Brother Kahse spent his holiday vacation on the field. Further action was prevented because of inability to procure a place for services until May, when Student C. E. Sparks was commissioned by the Home Board to complete the canvass. Your Board promised $15.00 a month support. A congregation has been organized numbering twenty-nine members and a Sunday school of sixty gathered. A lot centrally located, and on which is a neat five-room cottage, but sold for taxes, by the help of the Board of Church Extension, has been recovered. Certain conditions made it imperative to have a man on the field at once upon the return of Mr. Sparks to the seminary. Unable to procure such a man, Mr. Sparks was unanimously elected pastor, to take effect upon his graduation next spring. Meanwhile we were very fortunate to secure the valuable services of Rev. J. G. Griffith as supply pastor. Brother Griffith is already at work, and there has been no break in the services. Application has been made for aid from the Home Board to the extent of $400.00 per year, the congregation promising $300.00 additional. With a number of our churches in the county as feeders, besides others using other languages, York ought some day to have a strong Lutheran congregation.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the action of the Advisory Board in securing $50.00 from the Committee on Traveling Secretary for Rev. E. Bollman be endorsed, and that an additional $50.00 be paid him from the same fund.

2. That this Synod rejoices in the magnificent revival of the work at Grand Island, and, in view of Rev. W. T. Kahse's especial adaptability to the field, views with approval the proposition to have him remain in charge of that work.

3. That Synod has heard with gratitude to God of the efficient labor by Student C. E. Sparks at York, and that, under the circumstances, it endorses the plan pursued in the election of Brother Sparks to the pastorate and the securing of Rev. J. G. Griffith as supply pastor.

4. That an apportionment of five cents per member be authorized for Synodical Home Mission work, and that the money be placed at the disposal of the Advisory Board.

5. That it is the sense of the Synod that all our pastors do more really missionary work by opening preaching stations in towns, villages, and country districts contiguous to their fields of labor. Your committee cannot too strongly emphasize the need of this if our Church is to make any great progress in this State.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. SEIBERT,
M. D. BERG,
R. A. WHITE.

Report adopted.

Rev. Luther P. Ludden, Field Secretary of the Western District Board of Home Missions, was heard in the interests of that Board.

Resolution on the Work of the Home Mission Board.

Resolved, That we have heard with satisfaction the work of the Home Mission Board, as presented by the Field Secretary of the Western District, the Rev. L. P. Ludden, and that we most heartily commend the work of the Board to the enlarged giving of our congregations and people, and urge that at least the full amount of the apportionment for this object be raised.

Adjourned, with prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

Your Committee on Excuses reports that letters have been received from the following brethren asking to be excused: Reverends G. W. Gettle, J. G.

Groenmiller, H. J. Hapeman, M. F. Rinker, D. Z. Foulk, L. M. Kuhns, J. N. Lentz, W. F. Eyster, D. D., C. F. Shultz, W. C. Eckhart, I. N. Augustine, J. W. Kimmel, J. H. Link, J. F. Kuhlman, and Laymen Dr. J. Beattie, J. H. Harberg, I. W. Fisher. Your committee recommends that they be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BOLLMAN,
W. W. SENG,
G. W. LIVERS.

Report adopted.

Resolution Concerning Delinquent Brethren.

WHEREAS, Rev. S. R. Elson and Rev. A. T. Ludwig have failed to comply with the instructions of Synod; therefore,

Resolved, That the President be instructed to request of these brethren the surrender of their ordination papers. In case they refuse, that the President be instructed to carry out the instruction of Synod, as found on page 25 of the Minutes of 1902.

Resolution adopted.

Report of Obituary Committee.

Died, August 20th, at Davenport, Neb., Rev. F. A. Matthis, aged 60 years. The messenger came to him unannounced. In a moment, as in the twinkling of an eye, it reached him, but a good soldier of our Great Captain is never taken by surprise. He never forgot, "Be ye also ready." Cheerfully he obeyed the summons. During the Civil War he served his country in the army. After being honorably mustered out he went to Wittenberg for a full course. He finished his studies and entered the ministry in 1872. He labored in different fields, always successfully; ever sincere and devoted, he was beloved among the people and esteemed among his brethren. We can heartily say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." His aim was not to do great things, but to do the common things of his calling in the best way he could. He was a true friend, devoted pastor, pungent Gospel preacher, excellent organizer, loving husband and father. He was at the post of duty when the messenger came; he was in the work thirty years. In his last field—Davenport—he did a very good work; it will live after him. He reached threescore only. The Synod hereby expresses its sympathy and condolence with the bereaved family and to the congregation. On August 23d he was buried at Davenport. Rev. G. W. Snyder, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, a classmate, preached the funeral sermon; Rev. Heltzel, President of the Synod of Northern Illinois, an intimate friend of the family, assisted.

Died at Hardy, Neb., unexpectedly, September 13th, Rev. R. W. Petrea, aged 58 years, 9 months, 20 days. He spent his early years on a farm in his native State, North Carolina. At the age of twenty-one he entered Mount Pleasant College. After completing his course he studied at the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia. In 1876 he was ordained by the Ministerium of North Carolina. He was immediately called to St. John's Church, near Mount Pleasant, N. C. He stayed twelve years; next he served three years at Murphysboro, Ill.; thence he came to the First Lutheran Church, Pawnee. He labored here twelve years. His work was very much appreciated. Last November he accepted a call to Hardy. He began with his usual earnestness. His career was about ended. Most all his official years were spent in three places. We shall see his genial face no more. Is all ended? No. We shall meet again. His faithful companion of twenty-five years and three sons lament his departure and their irreparable loss. He was a man of unusual transparency of character; he could not have been double-faced if he had tried. He was genial, large-hearted, companionable, generous, full of loving charity, and, in the best sense, tried to be all things to all men. During his connection with our Synod no one stood higher in esteem than he. He was buried at Pawnee. Rev. Luther P. Ludden had charge of the funeral. He and Revs. Dr. Altman and Thale P. Skovgaard delivered suitable addresses. The unusually large attendance of people at his funeral showed the esteem in which he was held by his former neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
M. L. KUNKELMAN,
J. A. LOWE.

Report adopted, to be read at the Memorial Services, Sunday afternoon, with rising vote and prayer.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

Your committee respectfully offers the following:

WHEREAS, The United States Army recruiting circular in its second paragraph says: "Applicants for enlistment must be between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five years, of good character and temperate habits;" and,

WHEREAS, We, as Christian citizens, are equally anxious that these choice men and their temperate habits be taken care of while in military service, and, on discharge, return to us and their homes as good as when they left and a credit to the army, to their officers, and to themselves; therefore, be it

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our gratitude to Congress for the law that forbids the sale of beer and other intoxicating liquors in the United States Army, and for the first appropriation of $500,000.00 for the construction, equip-

ment, and maintenance of buildings at army posts for the recreation and sociability of the men, and express the hope they will make such appropriations each year as may be necessary to secure this praiseworthy object.

2. *Resolved*, That we insist on keeping the anti-canteen law in the War Department in force.

3. *Resolved*, That we agree with the very common request going up to Congress that the selling of intoxicating liquors in immigrant stations, in Government buildings, or on Government premises, by Federal authority and sanction, shall cease.

4. *Resolved*, That our Secretary be instructed to send an official copy of these resolutions prior to November 1st, 1903, to the proper representatives of our State in Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. MELICK,
M. D. BERG,
J. L. HAMMOND.

Report adopted.

At 3 o'clock Preparatory Services were held. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. Dieffenbach.

Mrs. S. M. Lesher bore the greetings of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska, and spoke in behalf of the work of that body.

Rev. J. F. Seibert was elected as special representative to the Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society held at Yutan.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

Your Committee on Leave of Absence makes the following report:

Requests for leave of absence have been made by Revs. R. A. White, H. A. Wolfe, J. A. Lowe; Laymen G. A. Crannel, W. H. Hogrefe, C. L. Cramer, J. H. Miller. These requests have been granted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ZIMMERMAN,
M. L. MELICK.

Report adopted.

Resolution with Reference to the Woman's Work.

Resolved, That we have heard with great pleasure the representative of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. S. M. Lesher, and

that we shall co-operate with them in every possible way in the proposed extension of their work.

Resolution adopted.

It was moved that Synod take a recess until Sunday evening after the evening service.

Adjourned, with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

Rev. J. S. Leamer gave an excellent address on Education. Offering, $4.00.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

10 A. M.

Holy Communion—Sermon by Rev. J. F. Cressler. Text, 1 Cor. ii. 24, 25.

Memorial Service—3 P. M. Revs. L. Groh, D. D., Luther P. Ludden.

Ordination Service—8 P. M. Sermon by Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D. Text, Acts i. 8.

After the sermon, Rev. Thale P. Skovgard, a graduate of the Western Theological Seminary, was ordained to the Gospel ministry. William Theodore Kahse was licensed for one year.

The President then declared Synod adjourned, to meet on the 23d of September, 1904, in the Salem Lutheran Church, Ponca, Neb.

S. M. LESHER,
Secretary.

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Council.

Rev. Luther P. Ludden was instructed to examine the deed and papers of the Traveling Secretary's property.

On motion, the President was given power of attorney to approve the bond of the Treasurer. Voting aye: Revs. L. P. Ludden, S. M. Lesher, and J. F. Seibert.

Adjourned.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

	Number of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Mission Fund.	Totals.
Per Member	...	$0 05	$0 09	$0 12	$0 20	$0 28	$0 20	$0 20	$0 07	$0 07	$0 05	$0 05	$1 38
Auburn	63	3 15	5 67	7 56	12 60	17 64	12 60	12 60	4 41	4 41	3 15	3 15	86 94
Benedict, Zion	96	4 80	8 64	11 52	19 20	26 88	19 20	19 20	6 72	6 72	4 80	4 80	132 48
Benedict, Bethel	38	1 90	3 42	4 56	7 60	10 64	7 60	7 60	2 66	2 66	1 90	1 90	52 44
Beatrice	144	7 20	12 96	17 28	28 80	40 32	28 80	28 80	10 08	10 08	7 20	7 20	198 72
Dakota City, Emanuel	43	2 15	3 87	5 16	8 60	12 04	8 60	8 60	3 01	3 01	2 15	2 15	59 34
Dakota City, Salem	95	4 75	8 55	11 40	19 00	26 60	19 00	19 00	6 65	6 65	4 75	4 75	131 10
Homer, St. Paul	22	1 10	1 98	2 64	4 40	6 16	4 40	4 40	1 54	1 54	1 10	1 10	30 36
Davenport	107	5 35	9 63	12 84	21 40	29 96	21 40	21 40	7 49	7 49	5 35	5 35	147 66
Davenport, St. Paul	19	95	1 71	2 28	3 80	5 32	3 80	3 80	1 33	1 33	95	95	26 22
Grand Island	35	1 75	3 15	4 20	7 00	9 80	7 00	7 00	2 45	2 45	1 75	1 75	48 30
Hastings	100	5 00	9 00	12 00	20 00	28 00	20 00	20 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	138 00
Hardy	64	3 20	5 76	7 68	12 80	17 92	12 80	12 80	4 48	4 48	3 20	3 20	88 32
Jewell	24	1 20	2 16	2 88	4 80	6 72	4 80	4 80	1 68	1 68	1 20	1 20	33 12
Lincoln, Grace	168	8 40	15 12	20 16	33 60	47 04	33 60	33 60	11 76	11 76	8 40	8 40	231 84
McCool Junction	69	3 45	6 21	8 28	13 80	19 32	13 80	13 80	4 83	4 83	3 45	3 45	95 22
Nebraska City	87	4 35	7 83	10 44	17 40	24 36	17 40	17 40	6 09	6 09	4 35	4 35	120 06
North Platte	140	7 00	12 60	16 80	28 00	39 20	28 00	28 00	9 80	9 80	7 00	7 00	193 20
Omaha, Grace	92	4 60	8 28	11 04	18 40	25 76	18 40	18 40	6 44	6 44	4 60	4 60	126 96
Omaha, Kountze	286	14 30	25 74	34 32	57 20	80 08	57 20	57 20	20 02	20 02	14 30	14 30	394 68
Omaha, St. Mark's	84	4 20	7 56	10 08	16 80	23 52	16 80	16 80	5 88	5 88	4 20	4 20	115 92
Pawnee City	34	1 70	3 06	4 08	6 80	9 52	6 80	6 80	2 38	2 38	1 70	1 70	46 92

Report of Committee on Apportionment.—*Concluded.*

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Per Member	....	$0 05	$0 09	$0 12	$0 20	$0 28	$0 20	$0 20	$0 07	$0 07	$0 05	$0 05	$1 38
Ponca	64	3 20	5 76	7 68	12 80	17 92	12 80	12 80	4 48	4 48	3 20	3 20	88 32
Roca	22	1 10	1 98	2 64	4 40	6 16	4 40	4 40	1 54	1 54	1 10	1 10	30 36
Rising City	50	2 50	4 50	6 00	10 00	14 00	10 00	10 00	3 50	3 50	2 50	2 50	69 00
Surprise	49	2 45	4 41	5 88	9 80	13 72	9 80	9 80	3 43	3 43	2 45	2 45	67 62
Sidney	66	3 30	5 94	7 92	13 20	18 48	13 20	13 20	4 62	4 62	3 30	3 30	91 08
Stella	86	4 30	7 74	10 32	17 20	24 08	17 20	17 20	6 02	6 02	4 30	4 30	118 68
South Sioux	36	1 80	3 24	4 32	7 20	10 08	7 20	7 20	2 52	2 52	1 80	1 80	49 68
Tekamah, Emanuel	47	2 35	4 23	5 64	9 40	13 16	9 40	9 40	3 29	3 29	2 35	2 35	64 86
Tekamah, Grace	45	2 25	4 05	5 40	9 00	12 60	9 00	9 00	3 15	3 15	2 25	2 25	62 10
Waverly, Trinity	52	2 60	4 68	6 24	10 40	14 56	10 40	10 40	3 64	3 64	2 60	2 60	71 76
Wayne	90	4 50	8 10	10 80	18 00	25 20	18 00	18 00	6 30	6 30	4 50	4 50	124 20
West Point	202	10 10	18 18	24 24	40 40	56 56	40 40	40 40	14 14	14 14	10 10	10 10	278 76
Wilber	41	2 05	3 69	4 92	8 20	11 48	8 20	8 20	2 87	2 87	2 05	2 05	56 58
Yutan	18	90	1 62	2 16	3 60	5 04	3 60	3 60	1 26	90		90	24 84
Wolbach	27	1 35	2 43	3 24	5 40	7 56	5 40	5 40	1 89	1 89	1 35	1 35	37 26
Wolbach, Ericson	12	60	1 08	1 44	2 40	3 36	2 40	2 40	84	84	60	60	16 56
York	29	1 45	2 61	3 48	5 80	8 12	5 80	5 80	2 03	2 03	1 45	1 45	40 02
Totals	2746	$137 30	$247 14	$329 52	$549 20	$768 88	$549 20	$549 20	$192 22	$192 22	$137 30	$137 30	$3789 48

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. MILLER,
H. A. WOLFE,
W. W. SENG.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Baptized but Unconfirmed Membership.	Total Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
Ball, Jesse W., Lincoln, Neb.	Grace, Lincoln	1	..	2	1	29	1	6	....	9	3	23	11	..	168	60	228	$10000 00	$4300 00	$1145 92	1
Berg, M. D., Ponca, Neb.	Salem's	1	1	2	..	....	1	9	14	1	....	1	2	..	64	16	80	10000 00	425 00	1647 18	2
Bollman, Edwin, Wolbach, Neb.	Wolbach	1	2	1	..	5	....	....	....	5	5	....	22	..	27	5	32	....	....	125 00	3
	Trinity, Wolbach	1	1	..	..	10	....	....	....	1	....	....	2	..	12	1	13	1000 00	....	75 00	4
Dieffenbach, W., South Auburn, Neb.	St. Paul	1	..	1	..	....	1	3	....	7	4	1	....	..	63	....	63	3500 00	....	15 00	5
Groh, L., Omaha, Neb.	St. Mark's	1	..	2	*1	8	1	5	8	8	1	3	7	..	84	35	119	2400 00	....	1400 00	6
Kahse, William T., Box 457, Grand Island, Neb.	St. Paul's English	1	1	..	..	22	....	4	....	7	8	....	....	10	35	....	35	7000 00	600 00	790 00	7
Koser, J. A., Nebraska City	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	20	4	1	7	2	2	4	3	..	87	....	....	3000 00	....	1000 00	8
Kunkelman, M. L., Rising City	Rising City	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	4	..	50	....	50	6000 00	....	350 00	9
	Surprise	1	..	..	..	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	49	....	49	2500 00	....	350 00	10
Leamer, A. B., West Point, Neb.	Grace	1	1	1	1	17	1	2	10	14	2	23	3	..	202	113	315	8500 00	1900 00	1768 77	11
Leamer, J. S., Sidney, Neb.	Trinity, Sidney	1	3	1	..	5	....	2	1	7	1	4	9	1	66	44	110	3500 00	144 00	806 00	12
Lesher, Martin S., Dakota City, Neb.	Emmanuel	1	..	1	..	....	2	3	2	....	....	2	1	..	43	28	71	1650 00	....	449 57	13
	Salem	1	..	1	..	....	3	....	....	4	5	1	....	..	95	34	129	4400 00	....	692 81	14
	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	..	22	11	33	1200 00	....	110 00	15
Livers, G. W., Benedict	Zion's	1	..	2	..	....	....	3	....	1	....	1	....	..	96	....	....	3500 00	....	1598 13	16
	Bethel	1	..	1	..	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	..	38	....	....	1800 00	....	299 69	17
Lowe, J. A., Beatrice, Neb.	Trinity	1	..	1	..	19	....	2	3	6	2	10	5	6	144	60	204	8000 00	....	957 09	18
Melick, M. L., 1322 S. Twenty-sixth St., Omaha, Neb.	Grace	1	..	2	..	20	....	....	....	5	2	15	5	..	92	45	137	12000 00	3600 00	1019 00	19
Ringer, C. J., Wayne, Neb.	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	8	3	....	8	7	....	4	9	4	90	....	....	4500 00	400 00	509 80	20
Rinker, M. F., Yutan, Neb.	Zion	1	..	1	..	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	18	1	19	2500 00	....	386 90	21
Seibert, John F., North Platte, Neb.	First Evangelical	1	1	2	..	17	1	7	12	8	1	5	....	8	140	100	240	10000 00	....	1503 12	22

* In India.

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Y.P. SOCIETIES.			BENEVOLENCE.														
	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Number of Members, including Juniors.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
	1	17	150	$120 82	$52 65	40	$11 14	.....	$5 00	.....	$22 00	$15 50	$16 00	$9 15	$10 00	$21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$20 00	$118 65	$1264 57
	1	19	117	123 60	37 03	58	30 50	.....	8 05	$6 80	23 81	17 00	17 00	10 20	17 00	64 43	$5 95	$7 12	$5 95	$4 25	7 97	195 53	1842 71
	1	6	40	15 00	.....	20	1 00	.....	.....	.....	2 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	5 60	130 60
	1	5	35	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	1 60	.....	2 00	.....	.....	1 77	.....	.....	86	10 23	85 23
	1	10	57	21 38	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	4 64	8 51	2 00	11 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 83	.....	.....	.....	28 63	43 63
	1	22	155	140 00	50 00	48	60 00	$20 00	2 40	6 40	22 40	41 00	16 00	9 60	.....	.....	5 60	.....	.....	.....	59 00	103 40	1503 40
																							790 00
	1	12	170	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1	18	117	81 23	19 90	15	17 00	.....	2 70	7 20	25 20	18 00	18 00	10 80	18 00	.....	6 30	.....	5 30	4 50	8 40	125 40	1125 40
	1	14	68	50 00	5 00	20	5 00	.....	1 91	2 60	14 69	10 95	10 40	8 84	10 40	.....	3 64	5 00	3 64	2 60	.....	74 67	424 67
	1	5	40	50 00	3 24	12	5 00	.....	1 56	4 16	24 16	10 40	10 40	7 20	10 40	.....	3 64	3 24	3 64	2 60	.....	81 40	431 40
	1	24	205	136 57	39 68	80	55 00	1 00	5 55	19 80	57 80	45 80	37 00	26 10	37 00	.....	12 95	3 63	9 95	9 25	11 85	276 68	2045 45
	2	16	92	58 00	13 00	.....	.....	.....	1 90	3 60	10 10	6 55	6 55	3 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	2 25	44 45	850 45
	1	14	70	39 85	24 12	.....	91 00	.....	1 26	3 36	19 18	9 99	10 35	5 04	8 40	84 45	2 94	.....	2 94	2 10	9 23	159 24	608 81
	1	9	55	17 11	5 93	.....	120 70	5 00	2 73	7 28	25 38	18 20	18 20	10 92	18 20	34 15	6 37	.....	6 37	4 55	148 55	300 90	993 71
									66	2 01	5 06	4 40	4 43	2 64	4 40	.....	1 54	.....	1 54	1 10	14 10	41 88	151 88
	1	14	155	53 80	3 40	15	338 20	.....	2 94	7 84	27 48	19 60	20 10	11 76	19 60	8 00	6 90	3 40	6 90	4 90	4 90	144 32	1742 45
	1	12	54	21 20	.....	39	62 65	.....	1 29	3 44	12 06	8 60	8 60	5 16	8 60	.....	3 05	.....	3 05	2 15	3 60	59 00	358 69
	1	10	130	57 13	26 49	.....	17 26	1 85	3 81	10 16	35 56	25 40	25 40	15 24	25 40	21 69	8 89	2 00	8 89	6 35	6 35	195 14	1152 23
	1	14	150	50 00	5 00	48	40 00	.....	.....	7 00	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	4 25	35 25	1054 25
	1	9	70	31 00	.....	20	.....	.....	3 60	7 00	10 25	2 00	4 25	5 00	9 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 40	551 20
	1	13	39	25 48	1 00	12	4 35	1 50	.....	57	1 52	8 57	6 06	4 80	6 36	3 80	56 17	1 33	.....	93	47 50	136 30	523 20
	1	15	158	122 58	87 85	25	6 50	.....	4 75	14 75	43 25	29 20	30 00	18 00	29 32	.....	10 22	.....	10 22	2 30	5 00	197 01	1700 13

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Shultz, C. F., Stella, Neb.	Trinity Ev. Lutheran	1	..	1	..	....	....	3	11	....	2	....	6	..	86	....	86	$4000 00	....	$706 36	23
Skovgard, Thale P., Pawnee City, Neb.	First Lutheran Church of Pawnee City	1	..	..	..	16	....	....	29	4	3	6	....	..	34	....	....	2000 00	$200 00	1288 85	24
Sponseller, J. F., South Sioux City, Neb	Grace	1	..	2	..	22	1	8	6	16	10	11	11	19	36	25	61	2000 00	....	1151 50	25
*Trefz, Edward F.	Kountze Memorial	1	..	2	..	26	4	7	12	15	1	24	4	..	286	....	286	125000 00	5500 00	6850 00	26
White, R. A., Forty-fifth and Randolph Sts., Lincoln, Neb.	Trinity	1	..	2	..	5	2	....	9	....	....	1	....	..	52	18	70	2000 00	....	531 65	27
	Zion, Roca	1	..	..	..	3	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	..	22	12	34	2000 00	....	152 40	28
Wolfe, H. A., McCool Junction, Neb.	First	1	..	1	..	6	....	6	11	2	....	6	8	..	69	45	114	3600 00	....	680 00	29
Vacant, Davenport. No report.	Christ's	1	..	1	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	99	....	....	3000 00	....	665 00	30
	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	16	....	....	....	....	135 00	31
Vacant, Hardy. No report.	Union Ev. Lutheran	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	95	....	95	5000 00	....	....	32
Vacant, Tekamah	Emanuel Lutheran	1	..	1	..	11	....	....	4	1	7	8	....	..	47	11	58	3000 00	....	367 36	33
Vacant, Wilber	First	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	41	....	....	4200 00	350 00	....	34
York, J. G. Griffith (supply). No report.	First	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	39	....	....	....	....	....	35
Clutz, President J. A., D. D., Atchison, Kan.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	36
Eyster, W. F., D. D., Crete, Neb.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	37
Gettle, W. G., Steinauer, Neb.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	38
Groenmiller, J. G.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	39
Kuhns, Luther M., Omaha, Neb.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	40
Totals for 1903		35	10	34	3	260	27	73	147	132	59	158	112	48	2607	664	2730	$262750 00	$17419 00	$29526 10	41
Totals for 1902		35	11	35	4	255	25	62	126	157	51	191	26	33	2481	642	3123	274800 00	19145 00	34939 55	42
Increase		..	..	..	..	5	2	11	21	....	8	....	86	15	126	22	....	....	....	....	43
Decrease		..	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	25	....	33	....	..	....	....	393	$12050 00	$1726 00	$5413 45	44

Sunday Schools.	Y. P. Societies.	Benevolence.

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23	1	10	55	.....	$10 16	....	.....	.....	$4 93	$7 68	$26 88	$19 20	$20 00	$11 52	$19 20	$30 80	$6 72	.....	$6 72	$4 80	$4 80	$163 25	$869 61
24	1	8	47	$30 00	.....	18	.....	.....	1 61	2 96	1 81	.....	.....	8 25	7 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 03	1310 88
[illegible]	1	12	83	35 00	6 68	42	$12 50	.....	.....	.....	4 08	.....	10 00	2 00	2 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 19	1169 69
[illegible]	1	32	265	353 90	50 68	34	110 50	$37 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	385 00	437 00	7287 00
[illegible]	1	7	60	29 19	26 25	18	.....	8 16	1 86	4 96	17 36	12 40	12 40	7 44	12 40	.....	4 34	.....	4 34	3 10	6 10	86 70	618 35
[illegible]	1	10	45	56 90	17 50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 01	5 50	7 00	5 00	2 28	3 80	18 60	1 33	.....	1 33	95	95	49 75	202 15
[illegible]	1	9	94	35 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	2 16	5 76	.....	.....	.....	6 00	5 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 60	699 60
[illegible]	1	12	150	35 00	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	665 00
[illegible]	1	10	75	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	135 00
[illegible]	1	17	38	39 34	26 14	....	.....	.....	1 08	2 88	10 08	9 40	7 20	4 32	7 20	10 35	2 52	$6 84	2 52	1 80	2 00	68 19	435 55
[illegible]	1	8	75	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 23	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 28	11 28
35	1	....	50	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	2 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00
[illegible]	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	75	75	75	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
[illegible]	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	4 00
[illegible]	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
[illegible]	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
41	34	413	3164	1840 10	519 70	616	998 30	74 51	64 32	159 61	482 57	340 40	336 26	206 62	305 61	401 64	94 23	42 83	84 63	59 85	752 06	3274 07	32801 17
42	30	374	2745	1485 42	561 82	632	649 88	227 50	64 55	132 62	607 42	367 49	400 74	225 48	297 58	269 47	80 04	99 07	86 41	57 20	1549 36	4394 08	38792 67
43	4	39	419	$354 68	.....	....	$338 42	.....	.....	$27 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	$8 03	$132 17	$14 19	.....	.....	$2 65	.....	.....	.....
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PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

PONCA, NEB.

MINUTES OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA, 1903.

The Twenty-third Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska met on Tuesday, September 29th, 1903, at 8 P. M., in the Zion Lutheran Church, Yutan, Neb., Rev. M. F. Rinker, pastor.

Opening service, led by Rev. M. F. Rinker.

Twenty-seventh Psalm, read by Miss Hope C. Larson, Oakland.

Prayer by Mrs. E. Sterricker, Omaha.

Miss Mary E. Griffin most cordially welcomed convention to Yutan.

Mrs. J. F. Harkins, of Beatrice, responded in well-chosen words.

Hymn, "Hasten, Lord, the glorious time."

The President then gave her Annual Address, which was intensely interesting.

President's Address.

Dear Missionary Co-Workers and Christian Friends of Yutan:

I bring you greetings in the name of Him who said: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you—and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. xxviii. 19, 20).

We who are assembled in this meeting to-night are but a very small handful of humble workers in an organization that has made for itself a name worthy of the place it occupies as one of the great organizations in our Lutheran Church.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society should be proud of its achievements—they are many. It has established for itself an organization by which its work is promulgated in the very best and systematic manner.

The women of the church have proved themselves capable in every particular to devise and execute plans for the furtherance of the aim of the society, thereby cultivating a missionary spirit, creating a deeper interest in the spread of the Gospel, disseminating missionary intelligence, and uniting the efforts of the Christian women in the Lutheran Church in supporting missionaries and missions in home and foreign fields in co-operation with the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension.

Our society, with its efficient Executive and Literature Committees, its 531 Woman's Auxiliaries, 76 Young People's Societies, 151 Children's Bands, its Home Department and Cradle Roll, has a total membership of 22,087, and has contributed, since its organization twenty-four years ago, $441,720.84 ($59,039.50 of which was contributed within the past biennium).

What has been the inspiration that has caused these women to band themselves together and that has caused this amount to have been contributed in the small amounts it was, some of which was hard earned and for which much sacrifice was made? Was it not that the love of Christ constrained us? Was it not because of the great uplifting power Christianity has had to all mankind, and especially to women?

When we consider the great benefits derived from Christ and His salvation to us, it should inspire us with a holy zeal and a sincere desire to bring all nations to know Him. Was it not the prayers of the faithful that caused the success of the work of our Society of the General Synod, thereby being in itself another inspiration to us to push ever onward? Was it not the great *need* of *funds* to send missionaries to home and foreign lands, and to erect buildings for His service? Was it not, also, the Holy Spirit guiding and directing the hearts and hands of His hand-maidens to prayer, service, and gifts? "And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

And what *has* this money done? It is *impossible* to tell all the good this prayer-endowed fund has done. But when our missionaries tell us how the heathen are won from superstition and ignorance into the sunshine of Christianity, how many lives and much suffering are saved by our medical attendants, we *know* that much good has been accomplished. Then, too, we *know* of the many missions being aided, of the churches having been built, the

hospital, and the school buildings. Yes, much has been done, but, oh! there is so much greater opportunity, so many doors open, that we have not dared to enter because we lacked both the workers and the funds.

Within the past year the best convention of the General Society was held. Encouraging reports were received from every department and many plans formulated for this biennium. A high mark has been set for us to attain. "To to do so, an enlargement along several lines seems imperative: 1st. Our hearts need to be enlarged, to realize the importance of our Home Mission work. 2d. There must be an enlargement in our force of workers in the foreign field. 3d. Also, there must be a great enlargement in the amount of money given for this work." This can only be done by the grace of God. We must give ourselves more unselfishly to the work and ask the Lord, What wilt Thou have me to do? Do His bidding, the goal will be reached, and we shall know the blessedness of service.

The work planned will not be a burden to anyone if everyone does her part faithfully and well.

Because of the encouraging reports from the home and foreign fields, it was decided by the General Convention to show our gratitude to God by a Silver Jubilee Offering of $25,000.00—$10,000.00 of which is to be used for a Girls' Boarding School plant in India, $5,000.00 for a Barnitz Memorial Fund for Home Missions, $5,000.00 for Church Extension work, and $5,000 for a Day Memorial Fund for Africa. This is to be offered in addition to the $58,000.00 necessary to carry on the work now in hand.

An effort is being made to secure 10,000 new members. This can be done if each Auxiliary but increase its membership by one-half of its present number; 10,000 new subscribers are to be secured to the *Journal* and the *Children's Missionary*.

In this interesting work, planned by the General Society, Nebraska women have an opportunity to give their assistance, and we all will want a part in it.

May the work be begun in prayer, continued in prayer, and finished in prayer. Let us trust God, who is ever waiting to help us, and the end is ours.

At the close of the Synodical Convention at Tekamah we were filled with hopefulness for our work of the year, and now that the year has past and our history for the year has been made, I can hardly feel that that bit of history of our Nebraska Synodical Society is just as bright as it might have been, not quite so cheering as our hopes anticipated. Glancing over my last year's address, it seems as if it would be very applicable for this year. The same things need mentioning, the same things need urging.

In accordance with the instruction of the Synodical Society, the Executive Committee appointed Mrs. M. A. Mostert as our State Organizer. She will give you a report of her work.

At the request of the General Secretary of the Home Department, April 17th, I appointed Miss Maude L. Bassler, of Lincoln, to act as Secretary of

the Home Department of the Nebraska Synodical Society until the meeting of this convention.

I would bespeak more interest in the Home Department. It is a means by which to reach the women who, because of business, home duties, sickness, or indifference, cannot attend the regular monthly missionary meetings. It is a channel through which our literature may reach many homes, by means of which busy mothers may become interested in the mission cause. The Department extends two privileges to our women, one an opportunity to *know* about the great work of missions, the other a privilege of being able to assist the cause by gifts.

Dakota City has the honor of having the first Home Department in our Synodical Society. It was started because a lady living in a distant State and where there is no Lutheran Church, after reading the Minutes of the Tekamah Convention, sent me $5.00 for the General Fund, asking the privilege of contributing, through my home Auxiliary, to the missionary cause. A Home Department was started, and she now is a faithful and enthusiastic missionary worker, wonderfully delighted that, because of the Home Department, she may *belong* to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and have a place to send her gifts for missions.

May each Auxiliary not only talk about but immediately form a Home Department, appoint at least one visitor to visit the homes of the Church. It is an easy task to ask a lady to read an interesting booklet and other literature, and it will increase our membership, spread missionary intelligence, and increase our contributions. The people visited are only asked to promise to read missionary literature for at least one-half hour a week. A quarterly contribution envelope is provided, but the offering is entirely voluntary.

Again, I must urge that we give our careful attention to our young people and children, that we may gain them as missionary workers. Other Synodical Societies have Young People's Missionary Societies, Children's Bands, and the Cradle Roll. They are the hope of the future. The children are always ready to work if someone can be found who is not too busy to tell them of the work and of the needs of the little ones in the far-off lands, or if the Auxiliary is not too indifferent to start the work. We have one Children's Band at Roca and a Cradle Roll at Dakota City. Oh! if our children could only grow up in a missionary atmosphere, then the missionary problem of the future would be solved.

I would suggest that our convention authorize the appointment of the Department Secretaries, as urged by the General Convention. (See Minutes of the General Society, page 120.)

Thank-offering. Our thank-offering is a personal matter between ourselves and the Giver of every blessing. No stipulated sum can be asked; but if we will remember our mercies and blessings as individuals, as a Missionary Society, as a church, and as a nation, our thank-offering fund will greatly aid the missionary work through the General Fund, to which it is put. Our offering

this year exceeded that of the previous year by about $4.00. One Auxiliary President wrote: "We have the largest thank-offering we ever had. I think having the envelopes all the year, ready to receive a little every week, was what made our offering larger than usual." The plan of keeping the little envelope, or, better, a mite box, in view constantly, and of dropping an offering into it, in recognition of blessings received, serves an admirable purpose. "The act becomes sacred; it is worship, and money thus given as a thank-offering must be very acceptable to the Lord." A Secretary says: "From the teaching of the Scripture, we have reason to believe that even one penny a day is more acceptable to God than thirty cents a month, and infinitely better than $3.65 at the close of the year.

Our literature is worthless so long as it lies unused and neglected. It was made especially for us, and by its use we may become more intelligent and more effectual missionary workers. We should read regularly some church paper besides the *Journal* and the literature furnished by the Auxiliary. I hope every Auxiliary will make an especial effort to increase the subscription lists to the *Journal* and the *Children's Missionary*. Both are very interesting publications and essential to our progress. One million five hundred thousand women are studying India this year in the "United Study Course." "Lux Christi," the text-book, has proven very interesting. To know India, with her suffering millions, is to have increased sympathy and enlarged interest. There is always inspiration in numbers, and we are glad to be part of the great army working and praying for India's redemption. The "United Study Course" next year will take up the study of China. The text-book, "Rex Christus," being uniform in appearance and price with the two previous volumes.

I wonder if we appreciate the tracts written and published by our General Literature Committee? They are all interesting. Some are beautiful, touching stories, that cannot but be enjoyed by anyone who reads them. Those found in the four booklets prepared for the Home Department cannot help but lift our thoughts higher, and inspire us to better living and doing. If we have neglected the tracts, let us make better use of them in the future, procuring enough to distribute among the people of our churches. Our Chairman of Literature will have a display of literature, which all are welcome to examine or purchase. Delegates should give their orders for supplies needed.

We are happy in having with us at this convention one of our missionaries, who is home on furlough from India, Miss Anna E. Sanford, who will tell us something of her work in the schools of India. We are also fortunate in having the presence of the First Vice-President of the General Society, Mrs. G. W. Snyder. May our associating with these women enlarge our hearts and minds, bringing us nearer the work.

December 10th I sent a letter to each Auxiliary, with the description of the Lutheran Calendar, issued by the Luther League, with the co-operation of

the Woman's Missionary Societies of the different Synods of the Church. This Calendar is filled with information of the Lutheran Church, also a devotional thought for each day. It is valuable for future reference.

In January I wrote a letter to the Societies asking them to pledge themselves toward the support of the Organizer, and apportioned each member ten cents to defray the expenses of the Delegate to General Convention. I thank you for the hearty response to the call, and to your noble support of the Synodical Fee, and the splendid way you met the second plea for Immanuel Church, Chicago.

January 29th, I sent another letter to you with the appeal for the new churches to be built at Redlands, Cal., and at Rensselaer, N. Y. How it has been met the Treasurer's Report will show.

I am glad to report a gradual growth in our Auxiliaries, both in interest and in numbers. In March the Kountze Memorial Society, Omaha, was re-organized with thirty-two members; and word but recently reached me that the Roca Society had revived.

I have received communication from all the societies but one at some time within the year. I was very glad to come in touch with the work and workers of the different Auxiliaries. I rejoice to hear that a Woman's Auxiliary has just been organized at Nebraska City. I bid it a hearty welcome to our Synodical Society and wish it every success.

At the time of the Executive Committee meeting (July 9th and 10th), at Omaha, we had the privilege of attending the meeting of the Kountze Memorial Auxiliary. After a good meeting, in which the members of the Executive Committee took some part, enjoyable refreshments were served.

Box-work. At the last convention no part of the work was enjoyed by the delegates more than preparing the Home Mission box for Rev. Paul Raschke and family, of Hanover, Wis.; yet it caused more joy to the recipients. A very grateful letter of joy and thanks was sent me by the missionary, who asked that I thank all who had helped toward the box. I take this opportunity of doing so.

Our Box-work Committee has been unfortunate in not being able to secure the name of a Home Missionary for a box until so late in the year; but it has done the best it could, and, with your help, we will successfully pack another box this year.

For the past 346 days we have been looking forward to the time when we should meet in convention with the Yutan Auxiliary, and now we are here, glad to meet the old friends and happy to greet the new ones. Together let us enjoy our coming together, as we will study the history of those 346 days, compare it with those of other years, and make plans for the future. Perhaps we have not always done the right thing. I have erred and made mistakes. May the Father and you forgive and forget them. May our coming together be blessed. May we be filled with the spirit of love and of prayer, giving what we can to make the convention a success, and taking that which

will better fit us for our work and to enthuse our home societies to a higher plane of usefulness. May grace, mercy, and peace abide with you.

Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH S. HAASE.

The credentials of delegates were handed in, and the following roll was formed:

Officers.

President—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Vice-President—Mrs. M. D. Willert.

Recording Secretary—Miss Hope C. Larson.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Literature—Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

Delegates.

Beatrice—Mrs. J. F. Harkins, Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Dakota City—Mrs. S. M. Lesher, Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Lincoln—Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

Omaha—Mrs. E. Sterricker, Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Roca—Mrs. J. Stein, Miss Matie Martin.

Tekamah—Mrs. M. D. Willert.

Grace Church, Burt County—Miss Elizabeth S. Toxword.

Yutan—Mrs. Rebecca Shupe, Mrs. Zoe Morris.

Visitors.

Rev. W. T. Kahse, Grand Island; Rev. J. F. Seibert, North Platte; Rev. L. P. Ludden, Lincoln; Rev. Dr. F. Hullhorst, Yutan; Rev. G. Mueller, Yutan; Rev. M. F. Rinker, Yutan; Mrs. G. W. Snyder, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Miss Anna E. Sanford, Missionary from India; Mr. J. Bender, Yutan; Mr. Daniel Shupe, Yutan.

Offering, $2.64.

The congregation joined in singing the doxology, which was followed with prayer and benediction by Rev. J. F. Seibert.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional service, conducted by Miss Martin, of Roca.

Prayer for courage and success by the President.

Roll was called.

Reading and approval of minutes.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

List of Committees.

1. *President's Address and Corresponding Secretary's Report*—Mrs. M. D. Willert, Miss Matie Martin.

2. *Officers' and Standing Committees' Reports*—Mrs. S. S. Riegle, Mrs. J. Stein.

3. *Letters and Papers*—Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Mrs. E. Stericker.

4. *Treasurer's Report*—Mrs. S. M. Lesher, Miss Elizabeth S. Toxword.

5. *Resolutions*—Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Miss Matie Martin.

6. *Last Year's Minutes*—Mrs. J. F. Harkins, Mrs. R. Shupe.

7. *Box-packing*—Mrs. M. D. Willert, Miss Lydia A. Bender.

8. *Reporter to City Paper*—Mrs. Zoe Morris.

9. *Reporter to Observer*—Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

10. *Reporter to Evangelist*—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

11. *Reporter to Lutheran World*—Mrs. M. D. Willert.

12. *Reporter to Journal*—Miss Hope C. Larson.

Treasurer's Report was read, accepted, and referred to committee. (See pages 57-58.)

Mrs. S. S. Riegle read letter from the General Treasurer, Mrs. Hamma.

Corresponding Secretary's Report was read, accepted, and referred to committee. (See page 59.)

Treasurer's Report of the W. H. and F. M. Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, 1902-1903.

	General Fund.	Synodical Fee.	Thank-Offering.	Home Missions.			Girls' School in India.	Jubilee Fund.	Life Member.	State Organizer.	Delegate's Expenses.	Total.
				Immanuel.	Rensselaer.	Redlands.						
Beatrice	$5 67	$1 85	$7 00	$1 20	$1 99	$1 98	.....	.....	.....	$2 00	.....	$21 69
Benedict	4 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1 00	6 00
Dakota	29 55	2 75	13 00	1 70	3 47	3 47	.....	.....	$10 00	3 25	5 00	72 19
Grace	12 75	10 75	5 63	3 40	2 80	2 81	.....	.....	.....	10 00	1 60	49 74
Lincoln	13 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Omaha	16 00	3 20	.....	6 40	5 62	5 62	.....	.....	.....	3 20	3 20	43 24
Pawnee	.....	1 00	.....	2 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 90
Ponca	33 50	6 00	8 73	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	55 43
Rising	3 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 60
Roca	8 65	.....	5 00	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	15 20
Salem	12 10	.....	9 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	1 50	25 78
Stella	7 10	1 00	12 00	1 25	1 80	1 80	$1 85	.....	.....	2 80	1 00	30 60
Tekamah	7 00	1 00	4 55	1 30	1 50	1 50	.....	$0 90	.....	5 00	2 00	24 75
Yutan	17 00	7 42	21 60	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 02
Mrs. Aughey	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Total	$169 92	$34 97	$88 69	$34 25	$17 18	$17 18	$1 85	$0 90	$10 00	$32 25	$18 95	$426 14

Treasurer's Report.—*Concluded.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from last report	$12 61	
Collections at Convention	4 81	
From Societies	426 14	
		$443 56

EXPENDITURES.

Miss Haase	$17 00	
Mrs. Ludden	1 98	
Miss Bender	1 37	
Mrs. Riegle	4 15	
Mrs. Hamma, General Treasurer, first quarter	129 56	
" " second quarter	27 25	
" " third quarter	104 93	
" " fourth quarter	77 33	
Delegate to General Convention	25 00	
		388 57
Balance		$54 99

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. S. RIEGLE, *Treasurer.*

Report of Executive Committee.

To the President and Members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod:

Within the past year the Executive Committee has held two meetings. One after the close of the last convention; the other July 9th and 10th, at the Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha. At the first meeting five members were present. All bills presented were ordered paid. It was decided that collections taken during convention be given to Synodical Fund. At the last meeting there were also five members present. Interesting reports were received.

It was decided to pay at once to Mrs. S. M. Lesher $25.00 as part of her expenses as Delegate to General Convention.

The greater part of the time was occupied in arranging the Programme for the Twenty-third Annual Convention, to be held September 29th, 30th, and October 1st, in the Lutheran Church, Yutan, Neb., which programme you now have before you.

In submitting this report, I would earnestly ask that all Auxiliary Societies remember the Executive Committee in their prayers. Theirs is a great responsibility. Their work requires much time and strength, and each Auxiliary can greatly help them by promptly sending in their reports and answering *immediately* any letters concerning the work, while the committee is at all times glad to answer questions and advise the societies, as far as possible, regarding the work.

Thus our combined efforts may be the means of accomplishing greater work for the Master, and we shall also be obeying one of His commands, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

Respectfully submitted, HOPE C. LARSON.

Report referred to committee.

Report of Corresponding Secretary, 1902-1903.

Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Presidents.	Names and Addresses of Corresponding Secretaries.	Time of Meetings.	Members. Active.	Honorary.	Life.	Cradle Roll.	Home Department	Totals.	Quarters Reported.	Number of Meetings.	Journals.	Children's Missionary.	Amount Sent to Synodical Treasury.	Value of Contributions to Boxes.
Beatrice	1892	Mrs. J. A. Lowe	Mrs. Hattie Albright	1st Thursday	18					18	1, 2, 4	12	18	60	$21 69	$2 85
Benedict	1901	Mrs. John Foster	Mrs. W. G. Keeler	1st Wednesd'y	15					15	1, 2	3	12	....	6 00	2 35
Dakota City	1891	Mrs. L. A. Hart	Miss Elizabeth S. Haase	1st Thursday	18		1	2	2	22	1, 2, 3, 4	12	13	25	72 19	5 60
Lincoln	1890	Mrs. J. H. Humphe...	Mrs. L. P. Ludden, 1336 D St	1st Wednesd'y	14	2				16	1, 2, 4	7	11	....	12 75	2 00
Omaha	1886	Mrs. A. Trayner	Mrs. S. S. Riegle, 548 S. 24th Ave	2d Friday	34		2			36	2, 4	9	13	....	43 24	9 50
Ponca	1880	Mrs. J. D. Kautze	Mrs. M. D. Berg	Last Friday	31					31	1, 2, 3, 4	12	12	....	43 48	3 00
Pawnee City	1892	Mrs. Peter Benz	Mrs. J. C. Halderman	1st Wednesd'y	24					24	2	3	5	....	3 90	4 00
Roca	1894	Mrs. Grims	Mrs. Matilda Emrich, Hickman	2d Wednesd'y	9	1				10	1, 2, 3, 4	8	6	10	14 05	2 25
Stella	1884	Mrs. Charles F. Shultz	Mrs. Kitty Wilsey	1st Thursday	10					10	1, 2, 3, 4	10	8	....	30 80	2 75
Salem Ch., Dakota Co.	1901	Miss Alta Foreshoe	Mrs. William Armour	1st Friday	14					14	1, 2	8	20	....	20 48	.....
Tekamah	1881	Mrs. M. D. Willert	Mrs. Estella Wood	1st Saturday	9					9	1, 2, 3, 4	12	8	....	24 75	90 00
Grace Church, Burt Co.	1901	Miss Hope C. Larson	Miss Lillie Christenson, Lyons, R. F. D.	1st Thursday	17					17	1, 2, 3, 4	8	9	....	49 74	
Yutan	1883	Miss L. A. Bender	Mrs. F. F. Montfort	1st Saturday	8	4				12	1, 2, 3, 4	11	8	25	49 00	22 20
Nebraska City	1903	Mrs. J. A. Koser	Mrs. Cornelia Kimmel									1				.....
Roca Mission Band	1902		Miss Matie Martin, "Leader," Hickman	2d Saturday	8	4				12	1, 2, 3, 4	1			2 70	.....
Rising City																2 25
Mrs. J. H. Miller, Surprise																5 00
Friends																1 60
Totals					309	11	3	2	2	344		143	190	$194 79	$73 35	

Respectfully submitted, LYDIA A. BENDER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Report of Historian.

Madam President, Sister Workers, and Friends:

Again do we meet in convention to recount the mercies and blessings of a year just closed. Our heavenly Father knows if we have been faithful to the work assigned us. With the experience of the past we ought to have clearer views of our duties for the future.

Material for the Synodical Historian gathers slowly. Previous reports contain statements of what was on hand, and I will give only what has been collected since last convention.

Complete file of *Missionary Journals;* complete file of *Mission Studies;* Tracts; Minutes of General Convention; Minutes of Synodical Convention; Report of Guntur Mission; clippings; photographs. *One* of our loyal friend —Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.—yes, loyal to himself, his friends; true to his obligations, and principally the friend of our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. We miss him. He has passed to his reward. Another photograph of our honored President—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Mrs. A. T. Haase, of Dakota City, Neb., was made a life member by her daughter, March 5th, 1903.

Deaths: Mrs. Jane Fair, March 8th, 1903; Mrs. Sallie Schmed, December 24th, 1902, Dakota City.

Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to the dear ones who have so recently been bereft. We pray that the God of all grace and consolation may sustain and comfort them.

As to the Tithe Legion Cards, two have been reported, but only one has been sent in.

In response to the cards sent out in March asking for a report of their society for the General Historian, the following is a summary of the reports sent in:

1. None observed the twilight hour of prayer.
2. All special calls met promptly.

Four societies studied "Via Christi."

Two societies studied "Lux Christi."

Two honorary members.

One Mission Band.

In most of our societies little or nothing is being done to interest the children in missions. We must gather in the children if our work is to continue.

Have we been as energetic and systematic in our work with the young people and children as we should have been?

It is sincerely hoped that all societies will co-operate with the Historian, as a full report cannot be sent to the General Historian if we do not send her our items.

In conclusion, I would ask you to each make some addition to this collection in clippings and photographs. Especially urge that all officers send their photographs.

This life is a day of labor and of sacrifices, but we are His friends when we do whatsoever He saith unto us.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Report accepted and referred to committee.

Report of State Organizer.

I can assure you it was with great reluctance that I consented to take charge of this work. It was only at the earnest request of our honored President, and with God's help, that I accepted and endeavored to do the best I could, scarcely knowing how to begin.

The first opportunity presented itself at the South Platte Conference, held at Yutan, to which I was invited for the sole purpose of a personal interview with the pastors.

I was more than gratified by the solemn promises they made of what they would do for the Woman's work when they returned to their charges. The kind words and encouragement given in the discussions created enthusiasm and zeal among those who had no societies.

God only knows what the harvest of seed thus sown will be. In Hosea iv. 6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Man is the workmanship of God's hand. Humanity is *one*, and the individual cannot live independently of relations to God or fellow-man.

Each one is a part of the whole, great humanity, and on each rests grave responsibilities, whether recognized or not. They cannot be transferred to another.

From Yutan I went to Omaha, to St. Mark's, Rev. Dr. Groh, pastor. I called on several ladies of the congregation. They received me kindly, and were much interested in our work.

I also visited Nebraska City and Auburn. Both of these congregations were interested and hoped to organize soon. The inclement weather interfered very much with personal work.

Just recently I have written to eight different pastors, and inclosed literature, from whom I received no reply. Were it possible to visit the churches where no organization exists, I believe more effective work might be accomplished, but the means for such visitations are not within our reach; and we can only present the work by means of correspondence, and pray that an all-wise Father may make plain their duty and that they may realize fully Christ's last command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." "And will ye be content and at ease in Zion?"

Woman's work for the Church has always been blessed. Why limit it?

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Report was accepted and referred to committee.

Hymn No. 498.

On motion, Miss Anna E. Sanford and Mrs. G. W. Snyder were received into our convention and given the privilege of delegates.

Rev. J. F. Seibert, Delegate from Nebraska Synod, being present, motion was passed to hear him at this time.

The President responded to his greetings.

Recess for committee work.

Report of Committee on Literature.

Your Committee on Literature would report that during the year, closing with this convention, we have sent literature monthly to the following societies: Beatrice, Dakota City, Dakota City for Salem, Lincoln, Oakland, Ponca, Roca, Stella, Tekamah, and Yutan.

I have also sent Tracts to every church without a Missionary Society. These Tracts were in part donated by the General Literature Committee and partly by purchase with our other Tracts.

I have also sent out to each society copies of the suggestions of the General Literature Committee. A most helpful document; and I trust every society will very carefully consider these suggestions, and adopt them so far as possible. I am sure the General Literature Committee want to be helpful to us, and these suggestions come to us out of their larger experience and from a careful canvass of the entire field of our work.

The financial exhibit of the committee is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report	$0 36	
Salem (per Rev. Lesher), 1901 and 1902	50	
Envelopes sold at Convention, Tekamah	1 24	
Dakota City	50	
Literature sold at Convention, per Treasurer	1 98	
Yutan, 1902 and 1903	1 00	
Stella	50	
Oakland	50	
Lincoln	50	
Tekamah, 1902 and 1903, and *Mission Studies*	1 26	
		$8 34

EXPENSES.

For Postage	$2 39	
For Literature	3 77	
For *Mission Studies* for Tekamah	25	
		6 41
Balance on hand		$1 93

We owe the General Literature Committee a small amount for Tracts, but the bill has not been presented. There are three subscriptions that yet remain

unpaid. With these paid, the amount on hand will enable the committee to close the year without any debt.

It would be a step in advance if all our organized societies could be induced to become subscribers to our literature. It would make a better showing for us and be, indeed, helpful to them.

Thanking you all for the many kindnesses shown me during this year, I submit this report.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. P. LUDDEN,
Chairman Literature Committee.

Report was accepted and referred to committee.

Mrs. S. M. Lesher, Delegate to Convention of General Society at Pittsburg, gave a very pleasing report.

Report of Delegate to General Convention at Pittsburg.

Miss President, Delegates, and Friends:

The Thirteenth Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod Lutheran Church was held in Bethany Lutheran Church, Pittsburg, Pa., May 26th to 29th, 1903.

When your delegate reached her destination she found the first session of the convention opened and the "Heart-to-Heart" Conference in progress, led by Synodical delegates, on the theme "Reaching Toward Higher Ideals," suggested by the text:

"This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The first familiar face we saw on entering the church was one many of you would recognize with pleasure, that of Rev. A. J. Turkle, formerly of Omaha, but now of Allegheny.

We had been seated scarcely five minutes when Nebraska's delegate was called upon to respond to the subject, "Leaders are Needed. How are They to be Trained?"

All delegates and visitors were warmly greeted and made to feel that they were among friends throughout the convention. The church was tastefully decorated with palms and cut-flowers in honor of our coming. The large and regular attendance of the local congregations at the various sessions and the interest manifested in all that was being done are worthy of example.

The President's Address, given the first evening of the convention, was full of encouragement and good cheer. We quote these words from her: "That awful word *retrench*, which makes the cold chills crawl up and down your back every time you hear it, and of which we heard so much during the first year of the biennium, will not be heard at this convention. *Forward*, with its ring and snap and inspiration, has taken its place. There is no doubt but that the women who are active in the work of the Missionary Society are more

spiritually minded than those who are not, and, with few exceptions, they are the bone and sinew of the Church."

Rev. L. L. Uhl, D. D., Guntur, India, gave a stirring address in which he outlined the progress of our work in India since 1881. He congratulated our women on the good buildings we have in India, adding that a still larger and better equipment is needed to keep pace with the growing demands of the work. Dr. Kugler's skill and ability are recognized by both the English and the natives of India. The blessed ministry of healing and relieving suffering opens the way for Bible teaching as nothing else can.

Dr. Uhl is called our veteran missionary, having spent thirteen continuous years in India, separated from home and native land. His animated countenance and military bearing make him a conspicuous figure in any audience.

At the close of the programme, Tuesday evening, an enjoyable reception was tendered the delegates and visitors by the young ladies of Bethany Church.

Wednesday morning the roll was called and delegates seated according to date of organization. Nebraska's delegate felt very much at home sitting side by side with our neighbor, Kansas' delegate; but later, when reports showed Kansas' contributions to be almost double that of Nebraska's, we felt that we were not side by side from a benevolent standpoint.

In the report of Miss Mary H. Morris, General Corresponding Secretary, an increase of 2,000 members was noted; 1,200 of this number is increase in Cradle Roll, there being Cradle Rolls reported in every Synodical Society except one. In them is promise for future workers. Increase was reported in contributions and in value of boxes. A large increase in the number of life members was reported. The Secretary thought the showing would have been even better if Auxiliary Secretaries were more careful in reporting. She pleaded for more exactness and care, as it is the Lord's work we are doing.

The General Treasurer's Report was read by Mrs. E. D. Miller, Assistant Treasurer, in the absence of Mrs. Hamma, whose delicate health prevented her attendance at the convention. This report was the most encouraging we have ever had. There was a large gain in contributions during the biennium. Upward of $59,000.00 was contributed through the regular channels, about $13,000.00 in box-work and $9,600.00 in thank-offerings, making a total of $81,588. As an expression of joy over this report, the convention arose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," etc. Then, at the suggestion of the President, all sat with bowed heads in silent prayer for the restoration to health of our efficient and devoted General Treasurer.

We were asked to make a special feature of life membership in our Auxiliaries once or twice a year.

The Executive Committee's Report was read by Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, and was the longest report given. It was full of valuable and interesting facts and suggestions. All members and friends of our work should read it with care.

The General Literature Committee's Report was read by the Chairman, Mrs. W. H. James. In a clear, concise way it set forth the work of that depart-

ment. There should be a better support of this work. Great care is exercised in preparing suitable and helpful reading matter, and also other attractive features, to give information and add to the interest in our missionary work.

For information concerning other valuable reports study the Minutes.

An enjoyable feature of the convention was the informal conference with our returned missionaries, Misses Brewer, Fahs, and Sanford, at which time our newly appointed missionaries to India, Miss Mary E. Lowe and Miss Jeanne L. Rollier, were called to the platform and all given the Chautauqua salute. The missionaries gave interesting replies to the various questions asked by the members of the convention. Thursday evening each of these missionaries gave an address concerning her work in India.

Mrs. Hart, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was an interesting personage at the convention, having been a member of the first Missionary Society organized in our church.

Every Synodical Society was represented at the convention, there being 129 delegates and 87 visitors present.

Much appreciation was expressed for the attractive souvenir programme provided by the pastor and people of Bethany Church.

The memorial service for Dr. Barnitz was impressive. He was a special friend of the West, but his kind face is missed by all, East and West.

Because of the encouraging reports and spirit of progress that characterized the convention a $25,000.00 Jubilee Fund was planned for in addition to the $58,000.00 necessary to carry on the regular work for the biennium. This fund is to be distributed as follows: $10,000.00 for a Girls' Boarding School in India, $5,000.00 as a Barnitz Memorial Fund for Home Missions, $5,000.00 as a Day Memorial Fund for Foreign Missions in Africa, and $5,000.00 as a Church Extension Fund.

Then we want 10,000 new members, 10,000 additional subscribers to the *Missionary Journal*, and 10,000 more copies of the *Children's Missionary* in our Mission Bands and Sunday schools.

Now, if each Auxiliary in our Synodical Society, as well as all others, does its part, it will be easy to realize all that our General Society has planned for its Twenty-fifth Biennium.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. M. LESHER.

Mrs. G. W. Snyder, First Vice-President of the General Society, brought greetings from that organization; also from the Iowa Synodical Society.

Miss Haase responded.

Greetings were given by Rev. L. P. Ludden, Field Secretary, Western District, Board of Home Missions.

Hearty response by President.

Adjourned, with prayer.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

Session opened by singing "Joy to the World."

Prayer by Miss Anna E. Sanford.

Roll was called.

Reading and approval of minutes.

The reports of delegates were very pleasing and encouraging. One new society was reported—Nebraska City.

Mrs. S. M. Lesher, Dakota City, Delegate to Synod, made a verbal report.

A discussion on "Duties of Auxiliary Officers," opened by Mrs. G. W. Snyder, followed by a number of others.

Hymn No. 213.

Rev. Dr. F. Hullhorst was then introduced to the convention by the pastor.

As Mrs. A. O. Sides was unable to take the part assigned her on "Responsibility to Missionary Success," viz., "Of Pastors," a discussion of the subject was given by several present. "Of Missionary Society," a paper by Mrs. W. I. Stahl, was read by Mrs. L. P. Ludden. "Of Parents" was discussed by a number present, as no paper had been prepared. "Of Sunday School Teacher," a paper, was read by Miss Elizabeth S. Toxword.

A very interesting Children's Hour was conducted by Mrs. Zoe Morris.

Miss Anna E. Sanford gave the children a very interesting talk on people of India, customs, etc.

Rev. W. T. Kahse dismissed the service with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8 P. M.

Service conducted by Mrs. M. D. Willert, Vice-President.

Anthem by the choir.

Psalm ii. was read by Mrs. S. M. Lesher, Dakota City.

Prayer by Miss Matie Martin, Roca.

Hymn, "Jesus shall reign from shore to shore."

Address, Miss Anna E. Sanford, missionary from India.

Solo, Rev. W. T. Kahse, of Grand Island.

Offering, $19.53.

Hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

Rev. L. P. Ludden pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional service, conducted by Miss E. S. Toxword.

Business session opened with prayer by Mrs. G. W. Snyder.

Roll was called.

Minutes of two previous sessions read and approved.

Prayer by Rev. M. F. Rinker.

Report of Committee on President's Address and Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Your Committee on President's Address and Corresponding Secretary's Report offer the following:

We find the Corresponding Secretary's Report correct.

The President's Report we find complete, and filled with a spirit of inspiration and encouragement, and recommend that it be given in full in the printed Minutes.

We would make special note of the following recommendations and advise their adoption:

1. That of awakening more interest in the Home Department.

2. Of devoting more attention to the young people and children of our churches, in training them for missionary work.

3. That the convention authorize the appointment of Department Secretaries.

4. That we make a special effort to distribute our literature and increase our subscriptions to the *Journal* and Church papers.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. D. WILLERT,
MISS MATIE MARTIN.

Report was adopted item by item.

Report of Committee on Last Year's Minutes.

Your Committee on Last Year's Minutes find in items of Historian's Report articles and names not received, but ask that this matter be attended to. Has this been done? We find nothing further demanding our attention.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. IDA HARKINS,
MRS. REBECCA SHUPE.

Report accepted.

Historian said only part had been attended to.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We, your Auditing Committee, find the Treasurer's Report correct.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. M. LESHER,
MISS ELIZABETH S. TOXWORD.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers report the following:

1. The hearty and cheery greetings of Miss Mary Griffin assured the delegates that the convention would be most heartily welcomed to the homes and hearts of Zion Lutheran Church, and that together we enjoy the fellowship of Him whose ways are glorious and whom we serve.

2. The response given by Mrs. J. F. Harkins very earnestly voiced the sentiments of the delegates.

3. The letter of greeting from Mrs. Berg, of Ponca Auxiliary, expressing their heart's desire and prayer to be with us. We are sorry they could not be represented, with their counsel and advice.

4. Rev. Lowe, who was on programme, sent a very courteous letter, expressing his regret at his unexpected detention at home. His short outline of address, enclosed, shows we missed a splendid address.

5. A letter from Rev. E. Bollman suggested his unselfish Christian spirit. We suggest its being read at the box-packing service.

6. The report given by Mrs. S. M. Lesher, our Delegate to the General Convention, was excellent and a source of inspiration.

7. The papers under the subject "The Responsibility to Missionary Success" were excellent. We hope they will be a benefit to our society. Interest in the extension of God's kingdom must be an awakening in our work through these papers, and we heartily recommend that they be heard by our women at large in the Auxiliary meetings.

8. A letter from Mrs. Alice G. Bond, General Secretary of the Thank-offering Department, was one of valuable advice, and hope the instruction will tend to increase our offering.

9. The greeting from the President of our General Society, Mrs. L. K. Krechting, was very cheering and encouraging.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT,
MRS. E. STERRICKER.

Report was adopted item by item and as a whole.

Motion passed to have Mrs. S. M. Lesher's Report printed in Minutes.

Rev. Lowe's letter was read by Rev. Ludden.

On motion, communication from Rev. Lowe was referred to Committee on Letters and Papers.

Motion passed that outline of Rev. Lowe's address be read by some lady.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committe on Resolutions submit the following for your consideration:

It is with a profound sense of gratitude to our heavenly Father that we recall many of the gracious mercies with which we have been surrounded as we have labored for another year in His great cause, labors that have been blessed of God to our missions and full of blessings to ourselves; therefore,

Resolved, That we reconsecrate ourselves more fully to our work, endeavoring to make this coming Synodical year the best in all our history, striving for an increased membership, for larger giving, and the arousing of more missionary enthusiasm among the women of our church.

Resolved, That we pledge loyalty to our General Executive Committee as they seek to enlarge our work.

Resolved, That we deplore the lack of organization in so many of our congregations, and we specially request our pastors to co-operate in our efforts to place an organization in each charge.

Resolved, That we heartily express our appreciation of the visit of the Vice-President of the General Society, Mrs. G. W. Snyder, of Council Bluffs, Iowa. We are thankful for her words of cheer and messages of encouragement.

Resolved, That our thanks are due the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies for their kindness in so arranging the visits of Miss Sanford as to allow her to be with us at this convention; and that our hearty thanks are due Miss Sanford for the address she has given us on the great work that is before us in the foreign field.

Resolved, That we thank the Board of Home Missions for the courtesy in allowing the Field Secretary of the Western District, Rev. L. P. Ludden, to be with us during the convention.

Resolved, That we thank Synod for their kindness in allowing us to print our Minutes with theirs; and we heartily express our full appreciation of their

co-operation in sending the President of Synod, Rev. J. F. Seibert, as a special delegate to the convention.

Resolved, That we specially commend the work of our faithful missionaries in the home and foreign field, knowing that God will overrule all for the best.

Resolved, That our thanks are due the pastor, members, and friends of Zion Lutheran Church for the very cordial hospitality extended us during our convention.

Resolved, That our thanks are due the choir for their music and to Rev. W. T. Kahse for his solo; to Mr. P. J. Holden, furniture dealer, of Yutan, and to the "Commercial Cyclone," for very special favors; and to the friends who have contributed plants and flowers.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. P. LUDDEN,
MISS MATIE MARTIN.

Report adopted.

Motion passed that resolutions be read at evening service.

Report of Committee on Officers' and Standing Committees' Reports.

The Report of the Executive Committee told us their work was well done, and we recommend that the committee be supported by your sympathy and prayers.

Our Historian gave us a most excellent report. Our societies could be a great help to the Historian by sending to her items of interest of all that happens in their home societies.

We suggest that all societies send clippings and photographs of officers to make Historian's file complete.

Our Organizer's work was well done, and we believe the seed sown will bear fruit, as one society at least has been organized through the influence of the Organizer, and others have become interested to such extent that we will soon hear of many others being organized.

We recommend that the office of Organizer be continued, and, if possible, she visit every congregation where there is no society.

Our Literature Committee's report shows an increased interest in the literature, and we hope the societies will distribute more of it throughout the congregation.

The copies of suggestions of General Literature Committee sent to every society by committee should be carefully considered and adopted as far as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. S. RIEGLE,
MRS. M. STEIN.

Report adopted.

Election of Officers.

President—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Vice-President—Mrs. M. D. Willert.

Recording Secretary—Miss Hope C. Larson.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Mrs. S. S. Riegle, receiving permission of the President to speak, expressed her pleasure in the re-election of Miss Haase as President; and then added that the delegates and friends of the convention wished to express their appreciation of the past efforts of Miss Haase, by making her a life member of the General Society.

Miss Haase, though taken by complete surprise, thanked the convention for their great kindness in conferring this honor upon her.

Letters from Mrs. Bond, Secretary of Thank-offering Committee, read by Miss Elizabeth S. Toxword.

Miss Sanford presented plans of the Girls' Boarding Plant to be built in India; also asked the ladies to make dolls' clothes.

Rev. L. P. Ludden introduced the Luther picture sent our Sunday schools by the Home Mission Board in the interest of that work.

Closed, with prayer by Rev. W. T. Kahse.

SIXTH SESSION.

THURSDAY 2 P. M.

Session opened with hymn.
Roll was called.
Reading and approval of minutes.
Letter from Mrs. Krechting, read by Miss Toxword.
Unfinished and New Business.
Bills presented to the amount of $51.47.

Motion passed that an order be drawn on the treasury for the same.

Motion prevailed that we continue Mrs. Mostert as our State Organizer.

Mrs. Mostert resigned. Resignation accepted.

On motion, Miss Lydia A. Bender was elected State Organizer.

Appointments.

Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Beatrice.

Literature—Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Lincoln.

Secretary of Thank-offering—Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, Stella.

Secretary of Children's Band—Miss Matie Martin, Roca.

Secretary of Young People's Society—Miss Elizabeth S. Toxword, Oakland.

Secretary of Home Department—Miss Maude L. Bassler, Lincoln.

Box-work—Mrs. J. D. Kautze, Ponca.

Motion passed that Rev. L. P. Ludden read Rev. Lowe's outline of address.

Hymn No. 181.

Hour turned over to the Box-work Committee.

Mrs. Willert, Chairman, presiding, spoke of Home Mission Box-work.

Hymn No. 536.

Prayer by Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

Letter from Rev. E. Bollman, read by Mrs. S. M. Lesher.

Roll was called and delegates brought forward their contribution, articles or money, to the Box-packing Committee, who placed them in the box. An appropriate Scripture verse was given with each offering.

Unfinished business continued.

Report of Box-work Committee was received.

Report of Committee on Box-work.

The results of the box-work effort this year have been supplies for one home missionary and his family, Rev. Edwin Bollman, Wolbach, Neb. The contributions of goods and money came from generous hearts, with sympathy for

our faithful home missionaries. Contributions were given by societies and individuals as follows:

Beatrice	$1 85
Benedict	2 35
Dakota City	5 60
Lincoln	2 00
Ponca	3 00
Omaha	9 50
Pawnee City	4 00
Roca	2 25
Stella	2 75
Tekamah Grace, Burt County	20 00
Yutan	11 20
Rising City	2 50
Mrs. J. H. Miller, Surprise	5 00
Friends	1 60
Total	$73 35

FORWARDED.

To Rev. Edwin Bollman, one box of goods	$46 20
To cash	26 38
To freight and draft	77
Total	$73 35

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ESTELLE WOOD,
MRS. M. D. WILLERT,
MISS L. A. BENDER.

Treasurer reported more money paid into Synodical Fee during the past year than ever before: $25.00 toward delegates' expenses, Organizer's expenses paid, *all* bills paid, and still a balance of $3.00 remains in the treasury.

Minutes read and approved.

Closed, with prayer by Rev. M. F. Rinker.

SEVENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8 P. M.

Evening session opened with anthem by the choir.

Doxology.

72d Psalm responsively read.

Prayer by Miss Anna E. Sanford.

Resolutions were read by Mrs. Zoe Morris.

Address, "Home Missions." Rev. L. P. Ludden.

Offering, $5.76.

Farewell Service, conducted by Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

"God be with you till we meet again" was sung.

The President then declared this Twenty-third Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska adjourned.

HOPE C. LARSON,
Recording Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate:

, to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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